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To: Appropriations C;  
Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1807

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE  
2 STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE  
3 MISSISSIPPI REAL ESTATE APPRAISER LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION  
4 BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
7 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury  
8 to the credit of the Real Estate Appraisal License Fund, for the  
9 purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Real Estate  
10 Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board for the fiscal year  
11 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....  
12 .....\$ 497,940.00.

13 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
14 Section 1, the following positions are authorized for the  
15 Mississippi Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification  
16 Board:

17 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:  
18 Permanent: 4  
19 Time-Limited: 0



20 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
21 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal  
22 Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds  
23 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are  
24 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi  
25 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal  
26 services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall  
27 publish. In accordance with applicable laws, if an agency  
28 determines that its personal services amount is insufficient, the  
29 agency must contact the State Personnel Board. Any adjustment to  
30 the personal services amount must be approved by the State  
31 Personnel Director and the State Fiscal Officer after consultation  
32 with the Legislative Budget Office. Any adjustment shall be  
33 reported to the Legislative Budget Office and the House and Senate  
34 Appropriations Chairmen. The agency's personal services  
35 appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved  
36 vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may not be utilized for active  
37 Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's  
38 responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are  
39 used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes,  
40 in-range salary adjustments, or any other mechanism for increasing  
41 salaries for current employees. If the State Personnel Board  
42 determines that an agency has used provided vacancy funds for any  
43 of the mechanisms previously listed, the State Personnel Board  
44 shall not process any additional salary actions for the agency in



45 the current fiscal year, except for new hires determined by the  
46 State Personnel Board to be essential for the agency. It is the  
47 Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the  
48 minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel  
49 Board.

50 Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and  
51 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current  
52 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to  
53 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do  
54 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If  
55 the agency's projected cost for Fiscal Year 2025 exceeds the  
56 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the  
57 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be  
58 essential for the agency.

59 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
60 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or  
61 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
62 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
63 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
64 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
65 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
66 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
67 appropriated level.

68 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
69 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for



70 salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are  
71 withdrawn and no longer available.

72 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in  
73 violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A  
74 relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as  
75 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

76 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
77 Mississippi Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification  
78 Board shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records  
79 related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this  
80 act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of  
81 detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the  
82 intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for  
83 Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative  
84 Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the  
85 format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025  
86 budget request process.

87 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
88 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
89 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
90 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
91 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
92 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
93 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
94 made without competitive bids.



95           **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
96 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
97 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
98 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
99 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
100 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
101 actions contrary to this provision.

102           **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
103 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
104 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
105 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
106 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
107 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

108           **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
109 and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2024.

