

By: Representative Eubanks

To: Appropriations C;
Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 4037

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT
2 OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING AND DELIVERING
3 RAZOR WIRE FENCING TO THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY IN THE STATE OF TEXAS
4 FOR USE IN DETERRING ILLEGAL BORDER CROSSINGS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
5 2025.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
8 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
9 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Department of
10 Public Safety for the purpose of purchasing and delivering "razor
11 wire fencing" to the appropriate agency in the State of Texas for
12 use in deterring illegal border crossings by migrants, for the
13 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025
14\$500,000.00

15 It is the intent of the Legislature to block the popular
16 route taken by illegal migrants when entering the United States
17 through East Texas, Louisiana and potentially into the State of
18 Mississippi, which brings drug trafficking, human trafficking and
19 the sex trade into our communities in Mississippi. The State of



20 Mississippi desires to assist the State of Texas in their effort
21 to replace any razor wire fencing removed by border agents who
22 were granted the ability to do so under a recent United States
23 Supreme Court ruling. As a condition for the receipt of these
24 funds, the Department of Public Safety is authorized to enter into
25 contracts or other necessary agreements for the proper delivery
26 and use of the razor wire fencing.

27 **SECTION 2.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
28 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State General Fund
29 not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State
30 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or
31 her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person,
32 officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

33 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
34 and after July 1, 2024.

