

**Adopted  
AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**Senate Bill No. 3038**

**BY: Committee**

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting  
in lieu thereof the following:**

5           **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of  
8 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Board of Animal Health  
9 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending  
10 June 30, 2025.....\$           1,646,814.00.

11           **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special  
13 source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available  
14 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Board



15 of Animal Health, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and  
16 ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 1,236,452.00.

17 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
18 this act, the following positions are authorized:

19 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

20 Permanent: 23

21 Time-Limited: 5

22 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
23 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal  
24 Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds  
25 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are  
26 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi  
27 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal  
28 services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall  
29 publish. In accordance with applicable laws, if an agency  
30 determines that its personal services amount is insufficient, the  
31 agency must contact the State Personnel Board. Any adjustment to  
32 the personal services amount must be approved by the State  
33 Personnel Director and the State Fiscal Officer after consultation  
34 with the Legislative Budget Office. Any adjustment shall be  
35 reported to the Legislative Budget Office and the House and Senate  
36 Appropriations Chairmen. The agency's personal services  
37 appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved  
38 vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may not be utilized for active  
39 Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's



40 responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are  
41 used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes,  
42 in-range salary adjustments, or any other mechanism for increasing  
43 salaries for current employees. If the State Personnel Board  
44 determines that an agency has used provided vacancy funds for any  
45 of the mechanisms previously listed, the State Personnel Board  
46 shall not process any additional salary actions for the agency in  
47 the current fiscal year, except for new hires determined by the  
48 State Personnel Board to be essential for the agency. It is the  
49 Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the  
50 minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel  
51 Board.

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

61         Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
62 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or  
63 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
64 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written



65 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
66 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
67 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
68 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
69 appropriated level.

70 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
71 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for  
72 salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are  
73 withdrawn and no longer available.

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

78 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
79 Mississippi Board of Animal Health shall maintain complete  
80 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all  
81 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be  
82 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal  
83 Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that  
84 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be  
85 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format  
86 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail  
87 provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

88 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
89 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the



90 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
91 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
92 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
93 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
94 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
95 made without competitive bids.

96       **SECTION 6.** The Mississippi Board of Animal Health is  
97 authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or  
98 contribution from any individual, public or private organization,  
99 or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational  
100 costs of the department. Such grants, donations, contributions,  
101 and any carryover funds shall be received and expended under the  
102 rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and  
103 Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of  
104 federal funds not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars  
105 (\$500,000.00).

106       **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
107 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
108 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
109 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
110 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
111 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
112 actions contrary to this provision.

113       **SECTION 8.** Of the funds in Section 2 of this act, Two  
114 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided from the



115 Animal Health Disaster Response Fund. These funds are provided  
116 for expenses incurred by the Board of Animal Health in responding  
117 to animal disease outbreaks as outlined in Section 69-15-21,  
118 Mississippi Code of 1972.

119         **SECTION 9.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
120 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
121 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
122 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
123 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
124 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

125         **SECTION 10.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
126 and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed from and after  
127 June 29, 2024.

