

House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 3034

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

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

12 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
13 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury
14 to the credit of the State Department of Agriculture and
15 Commerce's special fund account to the State Department of
16 Agriculture and Commerce for the purposes of defraying the costs
17 of prizes, premiums, judges and other actual and necessary costs
18 of putting on the Dixie National Livestock Show at the State
19 Fairgrounds in Jackson, Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning
20 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 1,200,000.00.

21 **SECTION 2.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be
22 necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State General
23 Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of
24 Agriculture and Commerce as follows:

25 (a) For the support of annual roundup shows for junior
26 exhibitors of junior steers, junior breeding cattle, beef cattle,
27 dairy cattle, hogs, sheep and goats, for the fiscal year beginning
28 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 64,890.00.

29 (b) To supplement the funds paid by the State
30 Department of Agriculture and Commerce for livestock premiums at
31 the State Fair, all livestock premiums to be paid on the American
32 system of judging (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.) on all classes
33 entered in the senior division for the fiscal year beginning
34 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 22,000.00.

35 (c) For the county livestock shows in offering and
36 paying prizes or awards to competitors in the approved county
37 livestock shows of Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July
38 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 30,000.00.

39 Provided, however, that of the amount herein
40 appropriated in paragraph (c) of this section, not more than Two
41 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) shall be expended or used in any one
42 (1) county of the state during each fiscal year. Provided,
43 further, that none of the monies herein appropriated in paragraph
44 (c) of this section shall be used in offering or paying prizes or
45 awards for any livestock show that is not held where there are
46 adequate barns, pens and other facilities available for such a
47 show.

48 Provided, further, in paragraph (c) of this section that
49 the management of such shows shall be in the hands of a county
50 livestock association, and such association shall guarantee a
51 minimum amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) to
52 be used in the paying of prizes, premiums or awards, and after
53 said county show has been held and premiums paid, twenty-five
54 percent (25%) of the amount, not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars

(\$500.00), shall be paid upon requisition to the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

Provided, further, in paragraph (c) of this section that in any county which has two (2) shows with proper facilities, and a contiguous county has no such fair and desires to participate in a fair to be held in an adjoining county, each of the two (2) fairs in one (1) county may receive an equal proportion of the funds hereby appropriated, provided, both shows shall not receive an aggregate sum of more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

(d) For the purpose of offering awards and prizes to competitors in the five (5) district livestock shows, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....
.....\$ 65,000.00.

(e) For the purpose of offering awards and prizes to competitors in the five (5) state dairy shows as provided in Section 69-5-101 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....
.....\$ 8,500.00.

Provided, further, that no part of the money herein appropriated under the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section shall be used for any other purpose than to pay premium awards at said shows and state shows and expositions receiving legislative appropriation shall not conflict in dates in order that livestock exhibitors may make the circuit of shows. Provided, further, that none of the above-mentioned funds shall be paid to any district shows unless shows are held prior to roundup.

81 Not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the funds herein
82 appropriated under the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) of
83 this section shall be used in awarding prizes or premiums to 4-H
84 Club members and Smith-Hughes School members and other boys and
85 girls having entries in said shows.

86 All funds herein appropriated under the provisions of
87 paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section for the five (5) district
88 livestock shows and the five (5) fall state dairy shows shall be
89 distributed in such manner that the livestock exhibitors will each
90 draw equal premium awards for comparable grades and placings at
91 each of the said five (5) district spring shows and the five (5)
92 fall state shows. The management of each district spring show and
93 each state fall show shall submit to the State Department of
94 Agriculture and Commerce, within fifteen (15) days after the close
95 of each said show, a full report on the number of exhibitors at
96 each said show, with the grades and placings of the different
97 classes of livestock exhibited.

98 The State Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, together
99 with a committee of three (3) to be named by the President of the
100 Mississippi Livestock Council from that organization, shall
101 summarize and prepare a unified list of awards for like classes in
102 all spring district livestock shows and fall state dairy shows
103 receiving state premium money, as authorized in paragraphs (d) and
104 (e) of this section. The State Commissioner of Agriculture and
105 Commerce shall approve and present a requisition to the State
106 Fiscal Officer for the payment of the amount of funds in

107 paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section due each show and said
108 State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrant thereon, and it shall
109 be paid by the State Treasurer.

110 Provided, however, as a condition of expenditure of the funds
111 appropriated in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section, that the
112 board of directors of any district livestock show may, in its
113 discretion, choose to hold its show in the fall instead of the
114 spring. If district shows are held in both spring and fall, then
115 all funds herein appropriated for the five (5) district livestock
116 shows shall be distributed in such a manner that the spring
117 livestock exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards for
118 comparable grades and placings at each district spring show, and
119 the fall livestock exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards
120 for comparable grades and placings at each district fall show.

121 (f) For promotion and expenses of the winners of the
122 Mississippi High School Rodeo for attending the national finals,
123 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending
124 June 30, 2026.....\$ 14,150.00.

125 (g) For promotion and expenses of the winners of the
126 Mississippi Junior High School Rodeo for attending the national
127 finals, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending
128 June 30, 2026.....\$ 12,000.00.

129 (h) For the support of the Southern Cutting Futurity
130 Championship, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and
131 ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 50,000.00.

132 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds in Section 2 of this act, any funds
133 that are remaining at the end of the fiscal year may be
134 transferred between the different show awards and prize monies,
135 with the exception that no county show in Section 2(c) of this act
136 shall receive more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

137 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
138 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
139 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
140 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
141 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
142 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
143 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
144 made without competitive bids.

145 **SECTION 5.** The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and
146 Commerce is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation,
147 or contribution from any individual, public, or private
148 organization, or government entity for purposes of defraying the
149 operational costs of the department. Such grants, donations, or
150 contributions shall be received and expended under the rules and
151 regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a
152 manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to
153 exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

154 The Commissioner of Agriculture shall notify, in writing, the
155 Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
156 the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Chairman
157 of the House Appropriations A Committee, and the Legislative

Budget Office of any escalation. The written notification shall include the justification for the escalation of funds, the amount, and how the funds will be used. This written notification shall be sent on or before the fifteenth day of the month prior to the effective date of the escalation.

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

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2025.

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