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To: Appropriations A

## HOUSE BILL NO. 4

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE  
2 STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE  
3 STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
4 2026.

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 hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
8 Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Registered Foresters  
9 Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Board  
10 of Registration for Foresters for the fiscal year beginning  
11 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 62,755.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
13 State Board of Registration for Foresters shall maintain complete  
14 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all  
15 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be  
16 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal  
17 Year 2025. It is further the intention of the Legislature that  
18 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2027 shall be  
19 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format



20 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail  
21 provided during the Fiscal Year 2026 budget request process.

22       **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
23 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
24 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
25 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
26 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
27 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
28 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
29 made without competitive bids.

30       **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
31 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
32 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
33 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
34 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
35 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
36 actions contrary to this provision.

37       **SECTION 5.** Of the fund appropriated under the provisions of  
38 Section 1 of this act, Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-six  
39 Dollars (\$18,626.00) is provided for database upgrades and other  
40 improvements to the board's licensing system.

41       **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
42 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
43 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
44 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal



45 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
46 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

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

