

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk,
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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2023

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE
2 EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS
3 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** That the following sum, or so much thereof as may
6 be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State
7 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of
8 Veterinary Examiners for the purpose of defraying the expenses
9 incurred by said board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025,
10 and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 200,296.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** Any transfers or escalations shall be made in
12 accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established
13 by law.

14 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
15 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are
16 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
17 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.



18 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
19 Veterinary Examiners Board shall maintain complete accounting and
20 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
21 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the
22 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
23 2025. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
24 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2027 shall be submitted to
25 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
26 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
27 during the Fiscal Year 2026 budget request process.

28 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
29 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
30 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
31 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
32 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
33 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
34 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
35 made without competitive bids.

36 **SECTION 5.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
37 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
38 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
39 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
40 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
41 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.



42 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
43 and after July 1, 2025.

