

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MADAM PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1809: Appropriation; Insurance Department.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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 any special
7 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi
8 Department of Insurance which is comprised of special source funds
9 collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the
10 purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal
11 year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003.....
12 \$ 7,461,231.00.

13 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
14 Section 1 not more than the amounts set forth below shall be
15 expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
16 expenditure:

17 **MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:**

Personal Services:	
Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$ 4,923,991.00
Travel and Subsistence.....	239,263.00
Contractual Services.....	1,758,016.00
Commodities.....	287,021.00
Capital Outlay:	
Other Than Equipment.....	5,000.00
Equipment.....	247,940.00
Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>0.00</u>

27 Total..... \$ 7,461,231.00

28 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

29	Permanent:	Full Time	117
30		Part Time	0
31	Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
32		Part Time	0

33 Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation
34 Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase
35 equal to fifty percent (50%) of the realignment component of the
36 Variable Compensation Plan or Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00),
37 whichever is greater, beginning on January 1, 2003.

38 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
39 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
40 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
41 Services" for Fiscal Year 2004 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2003
42 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs, positions or
43 pay increases are added to the agency's budget by the Mississippi
44 Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget
45 Office, the State Personnel Board shall, on July 1, 2002, publish
46 separate annual projection reports, based on July 1, 2002 data,
47 for the period of July 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002, and
48 January 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003, that project the annual
49 cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with
50 the provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the
51 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases
52 this projected cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2003 appropriation for
53 "Personal Services," as annualized on a semi-annual basis in
54 accordance with the provisions of this act. If, at the end of any
55 calendar month, the State Personnel Board determines that the
56 agency has taken action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed
57 this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2003 "Personal
58 Services" appropriated level, when annualized in compliance with
59 the provisions of this act, then only those actions which reduce
60 the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement
61 will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as
62 the requirements of this provision are met.

63 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
64 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

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

69 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
70 Section 1, and authorized for expenditure in Section 2, Seventeen
71 Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars (\$17,398.00) is
72 provided for the Mississippi Fire Personnel Minimum Standards and
73 Certification Board.

74 **SECTION 4.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
75 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special
76 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Rural Fire Truck
77 Acquisition Fund to the Mississippi Department of Insurance for
78 the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program for the fiscal
79 year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003.
80 \$ 4,500,000.00.

81 Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this
82 section, Three Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars
83 (\$3,150,000.00) shall be derived from bond proceeds for Round 5 of
84 the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Program, contingent upon passage
85 of Senate Bill No. 3197, 2002 Regular Session.

86 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
87 Section 1 and authorized for expenditure in Section 2, funds in
88 the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) are provided and
89 shall be expended to pay the annual dues for the National
90 Conference of Insurance Legislators.

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

97 **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
98 and after July 1, 2002.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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Charlie Capps, Jr.

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CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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