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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2961

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING  
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL  
3 GEOLOGISTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004.

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

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 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Board of Registered  
8 Professional Geologists for the purpose of defraying the expenses  
9 of the Board, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and  
10 ending June 30, 2004..... \$ 142,064.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** With the funds appropriated under the provisions  
12 of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

13 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

14	Permanent:	Full Time.....	1
15		Part Time.....	0
16	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
17		Part Time.....	0

18 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
19 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
20 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
21 Services" for Fiscal Year 2005 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2004  
22 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions  
23 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2005 budget by the  
24 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the  
25 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
26 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
27 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this



28 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure  
29 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual  
30 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2004 appropriation for "Personal  
31 Services" when annualized. If, at the end of any calendar month,  
32 the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken  
33 action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed this projected  
34 annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2004 "Personal Services"  
35 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
36 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
37 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
38 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

39 **SECTION 3.** Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable  
40 Compensation Plan to ensure that the Executive Director of the  
41 Mississippi Board of Registered Professional Geologists may  
42 receive, beginning July 1, 2003, a pay increase of Two Thousand  
43 Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,450.00), at the Board's discretion.

44 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none  
45 of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for  
46 increased charges for State and School Employees' Health Insurance  
47 Plan premium rates assessed by the Department of Finance and  
48 Administration in excess of the Fiscal Year 2003 premium rates for  
49 the health insurance plan.

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

56 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
57 and after July 1, 2003.

