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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 51
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE
2 STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE
3 VETERANS' HOME PURCHASE BOARD AND MAKING NEW HOME LOANS AS
4 AUTHORIZED BY LAW FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2006.

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 Veterans' Home Purchase Board's
9 revolving fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
10 Veterans' Home Purchase Board and making new home loans as
11 authorized by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and
12 ending June 30, 2006..... \$ 31,912,475.00.

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:

18 Personal Services:

19 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$ 712,441.00
20 Travel and Subsistence..... 27,970.00
21 Contractual Services..... 358,404.00
22 Commodities..... 47,400.00

23 Capital Outlay:

24 Other Than Equipment..... 0.00
25 Equipment..... 34,500.00
26 Subsidies, Loans and Grants..... 30,731,760.00
27 Total..... \$ 31,912,475.00

28 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

29	Permanent:	Full Time.....	16
30		Part Time.....	0
31	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
32		Part Time.....	0

33 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
34 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
35 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
36 Services" for Fiscal Year 2007 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2006
37 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
38 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2007 budget by the
39 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
40 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
41 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
42 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
43 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
44 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
45 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2006 appropriation for "Personal
46 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.
47 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
48 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
49 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
50 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2006 "Personal Services"
51 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
52 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
53 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
54 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

55 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
56 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
57 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
58 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
59 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
60 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
61 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions

62 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
63 appropriated level.

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

68 The agency shall not take any action to promote or otherwise
69 award salary increases through reallocation, reclassification,
70 realignment, education benchmark, career ladder, or any other
71 means to increase salaries of employees or positions unless
72 specifically exempted by the following conditions: the award of
73 teacher pay increases, the advancement of a trainee/cadet to the
74 next level of a bona fide career ladder, the award of an
75 educational benchmark for the attainment of Certified Public
76 Accountant License or higher level professional certification as
77 determined by the State Personnel Board, the immediate replacement
78 of a departing employee with an individual from within state
79 service or a new hire at a salary level equivalent to that of the
80 departing employee, and the emergency appointment of nurses,
81 pharmacists or other health care professionals at a salary to be
82 determined by the State Personnel Board, unless otherwise
83 authorized in this act.

84 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
85 Veterans' Home Purchase Board shall maintain complete accounting
86 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
87 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the
88 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
89 2005. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
90 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2007 shall be submitted to
91 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
92 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
93 during the Fiscal Year 2006 budget request process.

94 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum
95 of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00), or so much thereof as
96 may be available, shall come from the issuance and sale of revenue
97 bonds authorized by Chapter 501, Laws of 1985.

98 **SECTION 5.** None of the monies appropriated under this act
99 shall be expended for payment of that amount of the salary of any
100 person holding the position of division director, department
101 director or head, bureau director, deputy or assistant director or
102 similar position on May 15, 2005, which would exceed the amount
103 actually paid for the same position on June 30, 2003, regardless
104 of the title or position held or duties performed by the person
105 holding the position on June 30, 2003.

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

112 **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
113 and after July 1, 2005.