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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2015

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 2006.

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, 2005, and  
10 ending June 30, 2006..... \$ 148,084.00.

11 SECTION 2. With the funds appropriated under the provisions  
12 of this act, the following positions are authorized and shall be  
13 under the authority of the State Personnel Board:

14 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

15	Permanent:	Full Time.....	2
16		Part Time.....	0
17	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
18		Part Time.....	0

19 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
20 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
21 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
22 Services" for Fiscal Year 2007 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2006  
23 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions  
24 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2007 budget by the  
25 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the  
26 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
27 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all

28 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
29 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure  
30 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual  
31 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2006 appropriation for "Personal  
32 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.  
33 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal  
34 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency  
35 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this  
36 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2006 "Personal Services"  
37 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
38 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
39 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
40 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

41 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
42 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
43 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
44 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
45 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
46 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
47 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
48 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
49 appropriated level.

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

54 The agency shall not take any action to promote or otherwise  
55 award salary increases through reallocation, reclassification,  
56 realignment, education benchmark, career ladder, or any other  
57 means to increase salaries of employees or positions unless  
58 specifically exempted by the following conditions: the award of  
59 teacher pay increases, the advancement of a trainee/cadet to the  
60 next level of a bona fide career ladder, the award of an

61 educational benchmark for the attainment of Certified Public  
62 Accountant License or higher level professional certification as  
63 determined by the State Personnel Board, the immediate replacement  
64 of a departing employee with an individual from within state  
65 service or a new hire at a salary level equivalent to that of the  
66 departing employee, and the emergency appointment of nurses,  
67 pharmacists or other health care professionals at a salary to be  
68 determined by the State Personnel Board, unless otherwise  
69 authorized in this act.

70       **SECTION 3.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
71 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
72 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
73 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
74 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
75 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

76       **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
77 and after July 1, 2005.