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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3031  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF  
2 ANIMAL HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE  
3 BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007.

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 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of  
8 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Board of Animal Health  
9 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending  
10 June 30, 2007..... \$ 1,236,196.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special  
13 source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available  
14 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Board  
15 of Animal Health, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and  
16 ending June 30, 2007..... \$ 668,642.00.

17 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
18 Sections 1 and 2, the following positions are authorized:

19 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

20	Permanent:	Full Time.....	22
21		Part Time.....	0
22	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	4
23		Part Time.....	0

24 Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation  
25 Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase  
26 equal to the realignment component of the Variable Compensation  
27 Plan or Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), whichever is greater,

28 with not more than one-half (1/2) to be awarded on July 1, 2006,  
29 with the remainder to be awarded on January 1, 2007.

30 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
31 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
32 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
33 Services" for Fiscal Year 2008 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2007  
34 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions  
35 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the  
36 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the  
37 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
38 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
39 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
40 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure  
41 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual  
42 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2007 appropriation for "Personal  
43 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.  
44 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal  
45 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency  
46 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this  
47 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2007 "Personal Services"  
48 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
49 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
50 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
51 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

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

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

65 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
66 Executive Director of the Mississippi Board of Animal Health may  
67 authorize increases in other objects of expenditure in total  
68 amounts not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the  
69 appropriated amount of each major object of expenditure, provided  
70 that other major objects of expenditure are decreased by a  
71 corresponding dollar amount. However, no transfers shall be  
72 authorized which increase the major object of expenditure  
73 "Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits."

74 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
75 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
76 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
77 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
78 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
79 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
80 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
81 made without competitive bids.

82 **SECTION 6.** It is legislative intent to ensure beneficial  
83 information reaches as many Mississippians as possible. Further,  
84 it is legislative intent that the expenditure of public funds for  
85 this purpose be accomplished in an efficient and effective manner.

86 Therefore, state agencies as standard procedure, will observe  
87 the following criteria:

88 (1) Develop goals and desired result for a campaign.

89 (2) Evaluate effectiveness through respected advertising  
90 standards, including market reach and cost effectiveness.

91 (3) Seek public service announcements, which would be aired  
92 by media without cost.

93           (4) Itemize and justify professional assistance and related  
94 expenses for creative and production costs outside of the actual  
95 media expenditures.

96           (5) Utilize Mississippi owned media companies when feasible.

97           **SECTION 7.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
98 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
99 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
100 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
101 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
102 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

103           **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
104 and after July 1, 2006.