

**Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 1597**

**TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE:**

**THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SENATE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:**

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

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 State Board of Registration for  
9 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, for the purpose of  
10 defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning  
11 July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007..... \$           462,237.00.

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

16       **MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:**

17       Personal Services:

18               Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	252,437.00
19               Travel and Subsistence.....		35,000.00
20               Contractual Services.....		149,950.00
21               Commodities.....		18,400.00
22       Capital Outlay:		
23               Other Than Equipment.....		0.00
24               Equipment.....		6,450.00
25               Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		0.00
26               Total.....	\$	462,237.00

27       **AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:**

28       Permanent:	Full Time.....	4
29	Part Time.....	1
30       Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
31	Part Time.....	0

32 Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation  
33 Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase  
34 equal to the realignment component of the Variable Compensation  
35 Plan or Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00), whichever is greater,  
36 beginning on July 1, 2006.

37 Pursuant to policies established by the State Personnel  
38 Board, agency heads may, on a case by case basis and within funds  
39 available, recommend equity salary adjustments to Fiscal Year 2006  
40 agency appropriation acts where application of limitations result  
41 in awarding one employee a salary increase greater than another  
42 employee within the same agency, with the same job classification  
43 series and greater longevity.

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

66 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
67 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
68 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
69 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
70 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
71 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
72 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
73 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
74 appropriated level.

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

79 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
80 State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land  
81 Surveyors shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records  
82 related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this  
83 act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of  
84 detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2006. It is further the  
85 intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for  
86 Fiscal Year 2008 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative  
87 Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the  
88 format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2007  
89 budget request process.

90 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
91 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
92 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
93 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
94 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
95 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
96 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
97 made without competitive bids.

98 **SECTION 5.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
99 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
100 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon

101 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
102 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
103 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

104       **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
105 and after July 1, 2006.

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Secretary of the Senate