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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1669  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE  
2 PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF  
3 REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS FOR  
4 FISCAL YEAR 2008.

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 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, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008..... \$ 501,217.00.

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..	\$	286,517.00
19	Travel and Subsistence.....		37,000.00
20	Contractual Services.....		148,000.00
21	Commodities.....		20,600.00

22 Capital Outlay:

23	Other Than Equipment.....		0.00
24	Equipment.....		9,100.00
25	Vehicles.....		0.00
26	Wireless Communication Devices.....		0.00
27	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		0.00
28	Total.....	\$	501,217.00

29 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

30	Permanent:	Full Time.....	4
31		Part Time.....	1
32	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
33		Part Time.....	0

34 Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation  
35 Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase  
36 equal to the realignment component of the Variable Compensation  
37 Plan or One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), whichever  
38 is greater, to be awarded on July 1, 2007.

39 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
40 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
41 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
42 Services" for Fiscal Year 2009 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2008  
43 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions  
44 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the  
45 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the  
46 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
47 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
48 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
49 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure  
50 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual  
51 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2008 appropriations for "Personal  
52 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds  
53 and educational benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any  
54 action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board  
55 determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause  
56 the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year  
57 2008 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then  
58 only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or  
59 the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State  
60 Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this  
61 provision are met. On January 1, 2008, the State Personnel Board

62 will make adjustments to the structure side of the compliance  
63 report based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office in  
64 order for agencies to award educational benchmarks.

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

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

78 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
79 State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land  
80 Surveyors shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records  
81 related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this  
82 act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of  
83 detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2007. It is further the  
84 intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for  
85 Fiscal Year 2009 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative  
86 Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the  
87 format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2008  
88 budget request process.

89 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
90 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
91 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
92 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
93 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
94 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to

95 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
96 made without competitive bids.

97         **SECTION 5.** 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 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
104 and after July 1, 2007.