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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2793

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE EXTRA COMPENSATION FOR COMMISSIONED
2 FULL-TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS EMPLOYED IN ACTUALLY PERFORMING
3 DIRECT LAW ENFORCEMENT DUTIES; TO SPECIFY THE AMOUNT OF THE EXTRA
4 COMPENSATION; TO SET PARAMETERS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE EXTRA
5 COMPENSATION; TO AUTHORIZE STATE REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS ASSOCIATED
6 WITH THE APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION BY LAW ENFORCEMENT
7 AGENCIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) Every local law enforcement officer who is
10 certified under Title 47, Chapter 6, and employed on a full-time
11 basis shall be eligible for extra compensation pursuant to this
12 section to be paid out of State General Fund monies. Funds shall
13 be remitted monthly to the county or municipality to pay the
14 additional compensation.

15 (2) Each qualified law enforcement officer shall be entitled
16 to receive supplemental pay at the following rates:

17 (a) When employed by a local law enforcement agency
18 accredited by the Mississippi Law Enforcement Accreditation
19 Commission, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per month;

20 (b) When employed by a local law enforcement agency
21 accredited by the National Law Enforcement Accreditation
22 Commission, Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per month.

23 (3) Each officer is entitled to receive only one (1)
24 supplement under the provisions of this section.

25 (4) To qualify under the provisions of this section, a law
26 enforcement officer must:

27 (a) Be a commissioned law enforcement officer;

28 (b) Be employed full time as defined in Title 45,
29 Chapter 6;

30 (c) Be paid a salary of not less than Three Hundred
31 Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) per week;

32 (d) Be certified under Title 45, Chapter 6; and

33 (e) Perform nonclerical, law enforcement duties.

34 (5) (a) Officers shall not be eligible for additional
35 compensation pursuant to this section if hired primarily to
36 perform purely clerical or nonenforcement duties, including, but
37 not limited to, typists, office machine operators, switchboard
38 operators, filing clerks, steno clerks, stenographers, animal
39 shelter personnel, school crossing guards, secretaries, cooks,
40 mechanics or maintenance personnel, even if duly certified.

41 (b) Officers must have completed a one-year period of
42 service to be eligible for compensation under this section.

43 (6) When there exists any question concerning eligibility
44 under this section or under Section 2 of Senate Bill No. 2793,
45 2007 Regular Session, the Board on Law Enforcement Officer
46 Standards and Training shall consider each case individually in
47 light of the merits of the case.

48 **SECTION 2.** The Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards
49 and Training is authorized to reimburse any local law enforcement
50 agency, whether county or municipal, for the costs of the
51 application and certification process, as follows:

52 (a) For certification of a local law enforcement agency
53 by the Mississippi Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission,
54 actual costs of the application process not to exceed Ten Thousand
55 Dollars (\$10,000.00);

56 (b) For certification of a local law enforcement agency
57 by the National Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, actual
58 costs of the application process not to exceed Twenty-five
59 Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

60 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
61 and after July 1, 2007.