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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3139
(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 2008.

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, 2007, and ending
10 June 30, 2008..... \$ 1,394,868.00.

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, 2007, and
16 ending June 30, 2008..... \$ 637,977.00.

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 One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), whichever
28 is greater, to be awarded on July 1, 2007.

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

55 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
56 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
57 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
58 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
59 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The

60 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
61 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
62 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
63 appropriated level.

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

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

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

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

89 Therefore, state agencies as standard procedure, will observe
90 the following criteria:

91 (a) Develop goals and desired result for a campaign.

92 (b) Evaluate effectiveness through respected
93 advertising standards, including market reach and cost
94 effectiveness.

95 (c) Seek public service announcements, which would be
96 aired by media without cost.

97 (d) Itemize and justify professional assistance and
98 related expenses for creative and production costs outside of the
99 actual media expenditures.

100 (e) Utilize Mississippi-owned media companies when
101 feasible.

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

108 **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
109 and after July 1, 2007.