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To: Appropriations B;
Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1779
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE
2 STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE
3 STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
4 2025.

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 Registered Foresters
9 Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Board
10 of Registration for Foresters for the fiscal year beginning
11 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 62,755.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
13 State Board of Registration for Foresters shall maintain complete
14 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
15 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be
16 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
17 Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that
18 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be
19 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format



20 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
21 provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

22 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
23 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
24 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
25 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
26 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
27 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
28 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
29 made without competitive bids.

30 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
31 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
32 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
33 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
34 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
35 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
36 actions contrary to this provision.

37 **SECTION 5.** Of the fund appropriated under the provisions of
38 Section 1 of this act, Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-six
39 Dollars (\$18,626.00) is provided for database upgrades and other
40 improvements to the board's licensing system.

41 **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
42 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
43 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
44 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal



45 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
46 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

47 **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
48 and after July 1, 2024.

