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AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013.

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized and approved for expenditure out of any funds which are received by or otherwise become available to the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013 .....

..... $ 87,630,303.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	48
	Part Time	0
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
	Part Time	0

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

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and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the

expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2012. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2014 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2013 budget request process.

SECTION 4. In the event of a natural disaster or other major catastrophe whereby the expenditure of funds above the limits contained herein are deemed necessary to rapidly repair or restore port facilities, the Port Authority and the Mississippi Development Authority, with the approval of the Department of Finance and Administration, may escalate expenditures under Section 1 and the major objects contained in Section 2. However, no escalation shall be authorized until source and availability of such funds is shown.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport is hereby authorized to escalate and expend funds from any source in accordance with applicable rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated herein, One Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Dollars ($135,000.00) is provided for salary

increase for the purpose of funding overtime, callback or standby pay.

SECTION 8. The money appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 shall be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2012.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
April 28, 2012

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PASSED BY THE SENATE
April 28, 2012

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR

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