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AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI GAMING COMMISSION, FOR 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 appropriated out of any money in the special funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Gaming Commission which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013 ..... $ 10,130,576.00.

**SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

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| Permanent: | Full Time ..... | 131 |
| | Part Time ..... | 0 |
| Time-Limited: | Full Time ..... | 0 |
| | Part Time ..... | 0 |

With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2014 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2013 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2013 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all

appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2013 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2013 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

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

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.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00) is hereby authorized to be transferred to the Mississippi Council on Compulsive Gambling, a nonprofit organization.

**SECTION 4.** 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 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Gaming Commission shall have the authority to escalate and expend funds from any proceeds arising from the participation in seizures of illegal gaming activities not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000.00).

**SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the Gaming Commission 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 7.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

**SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2012.

PASSED BY THE SENATE
April 28, 2012

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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