

By: Representative Ford

To: Public Health and
Welfare

HOUSE BILL NO. 538

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-38, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THE PROVISION THAT AUTHORIZES
3 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GROUP PURCHASE PROGRAMS BY CERTAIN HOSPITALS;
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 31-7-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 31-7-38. The commissioners or board of trustees of any
9 hospital owned or owned and operated separately or jointly by one
10 or more counties, cities, towns, supervisors districts or election
11 districts, or combinations thereof, may authorize by resolution
12 the organization and operation of, or the participation in, a
13 group purchase program with other hospitals, for the purchase of
14 supplies, commodities and equipment when it appears to the board
15 of trustees that such a group purchase program could or would
16 affect economy or efficiency in their operations. Purchases by
17 hospitals participating in group purchasing programs of supplies,
18 commodities and equipment through such programs shall be exempt
19 from the provisions of Sections 31-7-12 and 31-7-13. This section
20 shall stand repealed on July 1, 2000.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
22 and after July 1, 1999.