

By: Representative Moody

To: Public Health and
Welfare

HOUSE BILL NO. 856

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 75-74-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 RECONSTITUTE THE YOUTH CAMP ADVISORY COUNCIL WITHIN THE STATE
3 BOARD OF HEALTH; TO REPEAL SECTION 75-74-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
4 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE WAIVER OF COMPLIANCE WITH YOUTH CAMP
5 RULES AND REGULATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY
6 THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

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8 SECTION 1. Section 75-74-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 75-74-9. (1) The State Board of Health shall have the
11 authority and the duty to make and promulgate rules and
12 regulations consistent with the policy and purpose of this
13 chapter, and to amend any rule or regulation it makes. In
14 developing such rules and regulations, the board shall consult
15 with appropriate public and private officials and organizations
16 and parents and camp operators. It shall be the duty of the board
17 to advise all existing youth camps in this state of this chapter
18 and any rules and regulations promulgated under this chapter.

19 (2) There is created within the State Board of Health the
20 advisory council on youth camp safety to advise and consult on
21 policy matters relating to youth camp safety * * *. The council
22 consists of the health officer or his representative * * * and a
23 minimum of eight (8) members appointed by the State Health
24 Officer, including the following groups: one (1) member
25 representative each from a private nonsectarian camp, a
26 church-related or sponsored camp, the Girl Scouts of * * *
27 America, the Boy Scouts of America, * * * the Mississippi Camping
28 Association, camps for the handicapped and civic organization

29 camps; and a consumer, a parent or an older youth with prior
30 camping experience * * *. A member is entitled to hold office for
31 two (2) years or until his successor is appointed and qualifies.
32 The State Health Officer or his representative shall fill
33 vacancies for unexpired terms. Council members serve without
34 compensation, but are entitled to be reimbursed for actual
35 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The State
36 Health Officer may appoint special advisory or technical experts
37 and consultants as are necessary to assist the council in carrying
38 out its functions.

39 (3) No rule or regulation promulgated or amended by the
40 board under this chapter shall be effective until a public hearing
41 is held thereon * * *. Notice of a public hearing, including the
42 time, date and location of the hearing and the substance of the
43 proposed rule, regulation or amendment, shall be given by the
44 board to each licensee of a youth camp and the general public not
45 less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days before the
46 hearing. Any interested person may appear at the hearing to
47 present evidence or testimony concerning the proposed rule,
48 regulation or amendment.

49 SECTION 2. Section 75-74-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, which
50 provides for a waiver of compliance with youth camp rules and
51 regulations, is repealed.

52 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
53 and after July 1, 1999.