

**\*\*\*Adopted\*\*\***

**AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill NO. 643**

**By Senator(s) Committee**

15           Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting  
16 in lieu thereof the following:

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18           SECTION 1. Section 73-25-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
19 amended as follows:

20           73-25-14. (1) The license of every person licensed to  
21 practice medicine or osteopathy in the State of Mississippi shall  
22 be renewed annually.

23           On or before May 1 of each year, the State Board of Medical  
24 Licensure shall mail an application for renewal of license to  
25 every physician or osteopath to whom a license was issued or  
26 renewed during the current licensing year. The applicant shall  
27 complete the application and return it to the board before June 30  
28 with the renewal fee of an amount established by the board, but  
29 not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), a portion of which  
30 fee shall be used to support a program to aid impaired physicians  
31 and osteopaths. The payment of the annual license renewal fee  
32 shall be optional with all physicians over the age of seventy (70)  
33 years. Upon receipt of the application and fee, the board shall  
34 verify the accuracy of the application and issue to applicant a  
35 certificate or renewal for the ensuing year, beginning July 1 and  
36 expiring June 30 of the succeeding calendar year. That renewal  
37 shall render the holder thereof a legal practitioner as stated on

38 the renewal form.

39 (2) Any physician or osteopath practicing in Mississippi who  
40 allows his license to lapse by failing to renew the license as  
41 provided in subsection (1) may be reinstated by the board \* \* \* on  
42 satisfactory explanation for the failure to renew, by completion  
43 of a reinstatement form, and upon payment of the renewal fee for  
44 the current year, and shall be assessed a fine of Twenty-five  
45 Dollars (\$25.00) plus an additional fine of Five Dollars (\$5.00)  
46 for each month thereafter that the license renewal remains  
47 delinquent.

48 (3) Any physician or osteopath not practicing in Mississippi  
49 who allows his license to lapse by failing to renew the license as  
50 provided in subsection (1) may be reinstated by the board on  
51 satisfactory explanation for the failure to renew, by completion  
52 of a reinstatement form and upon payment of the arrearages for the  
53 previous five (5) years and the renewal fee for the current year.

54 (4) Any physician or osteopath who allows his license to  
55 lapse shall be notified by the board \* \* \* within thirty (30) days  
56 of such lapse.

57 (5) Any person practicing as a licensed physician or  
58 osteopath during the time his license has lapsed shall be  
59 considered an illegal practitioner and shall be subject to  
60 penalties provided for violation of the Medical Practice Act,  
61 provided he had not submitted the required reinstatement form and  
62 fee within fifteen (15) days after notification by the board \* \* \*  
63 of the lapse.

64 (6) Any physician or osteopath practicing in the State of  
65 Mississippi whose license has lapsed and is deemed an illegal  
66 practitioner under subsection (5) of this section may petition the  
67 board for reinstatement of his license on a retroactive basis, if  
68 the physician or osteopath was unable to meet the June 30 deadline  
69 due to extraordinary or other legitimate reasons, and retroactive  
70 reinstatement of licensure shall be granted or may be denied by  
71 the board only for good cause. Failure to advise the board of  
72 change of address shall not be considered a basis of

73 reinstatement.

74 (7) None of the fees or fines provided for in this section  
75 shall be applicable to the renewal of a special volunteer medical  
76 license authorized under Section 73-25-18.

77 (8) Fees collected under the provisions of this section  
78 shall be used by the board to defray expenses of administering the  
79 licensure provisions of the Medical Practice Act (Title 73,  
80 Chapter 25, Mississippi Code of 1972) and to support a program to  
81 aid impaired physicians and osteopaths in an amount determined by  
82 the board.

83 SECTION 2. Section 73-27-12, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
84 amended as follows:

85 73-27-12. (1) The license of every person licensed to  
86 practice podiatry in the State of Mississippi shall be renewed  
87 annually.

88 On or before May 1 of each year, the \* \* \* board \* \* \* shall  
89 mail an application for renewal of license to every podiatrist to  
90 whom a license was issued or renewed during the current licensing  
91 year. The applicant shall complete the application and return it  
92 to the board before June 30 with the renewal fee of an amount  
93 established by the board, but not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars  
94 (\$200.00), a portion of which fee shall be used to support a  
95 program to aid impaired podiatrists. Upon receipt of the  
96 application and fee, the board shall verify the accuracy of the  
97 application and issue to applicant a certificate of renewal for  
98 the ensuing year, beginning July 1 and expiring June 30 of the  
99 succeeding calendar year. That renewal shall render the holder  
100 thereof a legal practitioner as stated on the renewal form.

101 (2) Any podiatrist practicing in Mississippi who allows his  
102 license to lapse by failing to renew the license as provided in  
103 subsection (1) may be reinstated by the board on satisfactory  
104 explanation for the failure to renew, by completion of a  
105 reinstatement form, and upon payment of the renewal fee for the  
106 current year, and shall be assessed a fine of Twenty-five Dollars  
107 (\$25.00) plus an additional fine of Five Dollars (\$5.00) for each

108 month thereafter that the license renewal remains delinquent.

109 (3) Any podiatrist not practicing in Mississippi who allows  
110 his license to lapse by failing to renew the license as provided  
111 in subsection (1) may be reinstated by the board on satisfactory  
112 explanation for the failure to renew, by completion of a  
113 reinstatement form and upon payment of the arrearages for the  
114 previous five (5) years and the renewal fee for the current year.

115 (4) Any podiatrist who allows his license to lapse shall be  
116 notified by the board \* \* \* within thirty (30) days of such lapse.

117 (5) Any person practicing as a licensed podiatrist during  
118 the time his license has lapsed shall be considered an illegal  
119 practitioner and shall be subject to penalties set forth in  
120 Section 73-27-17, provided he has not submitted the required  
121 reinstatement form and fee within fifteen (15) days after  
122 notification by the board of the lapse.

123 (6) Any podiatrist practicing in the State of Mississippi  
124 whose license has lapsed and is deemed an illegal practitioner  
125 under subsection (5) of this section may petition the board for  
126 reinstatement of his license on a retroactive basis, if the  
127 podiatrist was unable to meet the June 30 deadline due to  
128 extraordinary or other legitimate reasons, and retroactive  
129 reinstatement of licensure shall be granted or may be denied by  
130 the board only for good cause. Failure to advise the board of  
131 change of address shall not be considered a basis for  
132 reinstatement.

133 (7) Fees collected under the provisions of this section  
134 shall be used by the board to defray expenses of administering the  
135 licensure provisions of Title 73, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of  
136 1972, and to support a program to aid impaired podiatrists in an  
137 amount determined by the board.

138 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
139 and after July 1, 2000.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 73-25-14 AND 73-27-12, MISSISSIPPI  
2 CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE ANY PHYSICIAN, OSTEOPATH OR PODIATRIST  
3 PRACTICING IN THE STATE WHOSE LICENSE HAS LAPSED AND WHO IS DEEMED  
4 TO BE AN ILLEGAL PRACTITIONER TO PETITION THE STATE BOARD OF  
5 MEDICAL LICENSURE FOR REINSTATEMENT OF HIS LICENSE ON A  
6 RETROACTIVE BASIS, IF THE PRACTITIONER WAS UNABLE TO MEET THE  
7 LICENSE RENEWAL DEADLINE DUE TO EXTRAORDINARY OR OTHER LEGITIMATE  
8 REASONS; TO PROVIDE THAT RETROACTIVE REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE  
9 SHALL BE GRANTED OR MAY BE DENIED FOR GOOD CAUSE; TO PROVIDE THAT  
10 ANY SUCH PRACTITIONER WHO IS NOT PRACTICING IN THE STATE WHOSE  
11 LICENSE HAS LAPSED MAY BE REINSTATED BY THE BOARD UPON PAYMENT OF  
12 THE ARREARAGES FOR THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS, RATHER THAN ALL  
13 ARREARAGES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.