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To: Penitentiary

HOUSE BILL NO. 851

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A MEDICAL RELEASE PROGRAM FOR OFFENDERS IN
2 THE CUSTODY OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS WHO ARE
3 CHRONICALLY ILL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. The Commissioner and the Medical Director of the
6 Department of Corrections may place an offender who has served not
7 less than one (1) year of his sentence on medical release. The
8 commissioner shall not place an offender on medical release unless
9 the medical director of the department certifies to the
10 commissioner that (a) the offender is chronically ill; (b) his
11 continued incarceration will serve no rehabilitative purposes; and
12 (c) the state would incur unreasonable expenses as a result of his
13 continued incarceration.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
15 and after its passage.