

By: Representative Holland

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1255  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-38, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 ALLOW HOSPITALS AND REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS OWNED BY THE  
3 STATE OR ANY OF ITS AGENCIES TO PARTICIPATE IN GROUP PURCHASING  
4 PROGRAMS WITH OTHER HOSPITALS OR REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS;  
5 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

9 31-7-38. The \* \* \* board of trustees or governing board of  
10 any hospital or regional mental health center owned or owned and  
11 operated separately or jointly by the State of Mississippi or any  
12 of its branches, agencies, departments or subdivisions, or by one  
13 or more counties, cities, towns, supervisors districts or election  
14 districts, or combinations thereof, may authorize by resolution  
15 the organization and operation of, or the participation in, a  
16 group purchasing program with other hospitals or regional mental  
17 health centers, for the purchase of supplies, commodities and  
18 equipment when it appears to the board of trustees or governing  
19 board that such a group purchasing program could or would affect  
20 economy or efficiency in their operations. Purchases by hospitals  
21 or regional mental health centers participating in group  
22 purchasing programs of supplies, commodities and equipment through  
23 such programs shall be exempt from the provisions of Sections  
24 31-7-9, 31-7-10, 31-7-11, 31-7-12 and 31-7-13. The Mississippi  
25 Department of Mental health shall develop and submit to the  
26 Chairmen of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees a  
27 report analyzing the savings and economic benefits of the group  
28 purchasing program authorized under this section for state

29 hospitals or regional mental health centers compared to the  
30 purchasing procedures authorized prior to passage of House Bill  
31 No. 1255, 2001 Regular Session. This section shall stand repealed  
32 on July 1, 2005.

33 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
34 and after July 1, 2001.