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To: Fees, Salaries and Administration; Public Health and Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2797

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-38, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE ANY HOSPITAL OR REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH CENTER OWNED BY
3 THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO PARTICIPATE IN GROUP PURCHASE PROGRAMS
4 WITH OTHER HOSPITALS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES, COMMODITIES AND
5 EQUIPMENT; TO EXEMPT SUCH PARTICIPATION IN GROUP PURCHASE PROGRAMS
6 FROM CERTAIN PURCHASING LAWS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

10 31-7-38. The * * * board of trustees or governing board of
11 any hospital or regional mental health center owned, or owned and
12 operated, separately or jointly by the State of Mississippi (or
13 any of its subdivisions, departments, agencies or branches) by one
14 or more counties, cities, towns, supervisors districts or election
15 districts, or combinations thereof, may authorize by resolution
16 the organization and operation of, or the participation in, a
17 group purchase program with other hospitals, for the purchase of
18 supplies, commodities and equipment when it appears to the board
19 of trustees or governing board that such a group purchase program
20 could or would affect economy or efficiency in their operations.
21 Purchases by hospitals or regional mental health centers
22 participating in group purchasing programs of supplies,
23 commodities and equipment through such programs shall be exempt
24 from the provisions of Sections 31-7-9, 31-7-10, 31-7-11, 31-7-12
25 and 31-7-13. This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2005.

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