

*****Adopted***
AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO**

House Bill NO. 1255

By Senator(s) Committee

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

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 This section shall stand repealed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.

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

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.