

By: Representative Fleming

To: Penitentiary

HOUSE BILL NO. 163

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CODE SECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE
2 COMMISSIONER OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO
3 ESTABLISH A MANDATORY DRUG AND ALCOHOL REHABILITATION PROGRAM FOR
4 ALL OFFENDERS SENTENCED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE MISSISSIPPI
5 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF A DRUG OR
6 ALCOHOL RELATED CRIME OR WHO HAVE COMMITTED A CRIME BECAUSE OF
7 DRUG OR ALCOHOL ADDICTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** The Mississippi Department of Corrections is
10 authorized to establish a mandatory drug and alcohol
11 rehabilitation program for all offenders convicted on drug or
12 alcohol related charges and shall have the power and duty to adopt
13 rules not inconsistent with law as it may deem proper and
14 necessary with respect to the establishment, administration and
15 operation of the program.

16 **SECTION 2.** Any offender sentenced to the custody of the
17 Mississippi Department of Corrections who has been convicted of a
18 drug or alcohol related crime or who has committed a crime because
19 of drug or alcohol addiction shall undergo a mandatory drug and
20 alcohol rehabilitation program as established by the department.

21 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
22 and after July 1, 2002.

