MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Representative Cummings

To: Agriculture

HOUSE BILL NO. 697

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OR POSSESSION OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS
2 CONTAINING STRYCHNINE; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS
3 ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. (1) No person shall use or possess any alkaloid
2 product derived from the nux vomica plant also known by the common
3 name strychnine. Nothing herein prevents the use of strychnine by
4 licensed physicians and veterinarians for medicinal purposes.

(2) A person violating subsection (1) of this section is
5 guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by
6 a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00). If such
7 person has also violated the provisions of Section 69-23-1 et
8 seq., or any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder, he is
9 subject to the penalties provided in Section 69-23-29 or Section
10 69-23-135 in addition to the fine provided in this subsection.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
12 and after July 1, 2002.