

By: Representative Moody

To: Public Health and Welfare

HOUSE BILL NO. 1537

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-17-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR A NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR'S
3 LICENSE; TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM FEES THAT THE STATE BOARD OF
4 NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS MAY CHARGE FOR ADMINISTERING
5 EXAMINATIONS AND ISSUING LICENSES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-17-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 73-17-11. (1) From and after July 1, 1983, in order to be
10 eligible to be licensed as a nursing home administrator an
11 individual must submit evidence satisfactory to the board that he
12 or she:

- 13 (a) Is at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- 14 (b) Is of good moral character;
- 15 (c) Is in good health;
- 16 (d) Is a high school graduate or the equivalent;
- 17 (e) For initial licensure on or after July 1, 1988, has
18 an associate degree from an accredited institution, or at least
19 sixty-four (64) semester hours of college work from an accredited
20 institution, or at least one (1) year of supervisory or
21 administrative responsibilities in a licensed sub-acute or
22 long-term health care facility in Mississippi within the twelve
23 (12) months before making application; and
- 24 (f) Has successfully passed examinations administered
25 by the board to test his or her proficiency and basic knowledge in
26 the area of nursing home administration.

27 The board may establish the frequency of the offering of
28 those examinations and the contents thereof.



29 (2) Reciprocity shall be extended to individuals holding
30 licenses as nursing home administrators in other states, upon
31 proper application and a finding on the part of the board that (a)
32 the applicant possesses the basic qualifications listed in this
33 chapter, and (b) that the standards and requirements of the
34 licensing jurisdiction under which he or she holds a license are
35 no less stringent than those of the State of Mississippi, and (c)
36 that the licensing jurisdiction extends reciprocity to licensees
37 of the State of Mississippi under reasonable terms and conditions.

38 (3) The board may prescribe appropriate fees for the taking
39 of * * * examinations and for the issuance of licenses. Those
40 fees shall be not more than Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) for
41 taking the examinations and Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$450.00)
42 for the issuance of a license. * * * However, the fee for an
43 initial license may be prorated in proportion to the period of
44 time from the date of issuance and the date of biennial license
45 renewal prescribed in subsection (4). All licenses issued under
46 this chapter shall be for a maximum period of two (2) years.

47 (4) The board may renew licenses on July 1, 1991, and
48 biennially thereafter upon the payment of a fee to be established
49 by the board, which shall be not more than Four Hundred Fifty
50 Dollars (\$450.00), plus any administrative costs for late payment.

51 (5) Each application or filing made under this section shall
52 include the social security number(s) of the applicant in
53 accordance with Section 93-11-64.

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

