

By: Representative Moody

To: Public Health and Welfare

HOUSE BILL NO. 1537  
(As Passed the House)

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; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON WHO  
6 SERVES AS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE OF  
7 EITHER HOUSE OF THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE IS EXEMPT FROM ANY  
8 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL OF A NURSING HOME  
9 ADMINISTRATOR'S LICENSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

13 73-17-11. (1) From and after July 1, 1983, in order to be  
14 eligible to be licensed as a nursing home administrator an  
15 individual must submit evidence satisfactory to the board that he  
16 or she:

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



31           The board may establish the frequency of the offering of  
32 those examinations and the contents thereof.

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

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

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

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

58           (6) Any person who serves as a member of the Public Health  
59 and Welfare Committee of either house of the Mississippi  
60 Legislature is exempt from any continuing education requirements  
61 imposed by this chapter or regulations of the board for renewal of  
62 a nursing home administrator's license.



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

