

By: Representative Moody

To: Public Health and Welfare

HOUSE BILL NO. 1537
(As Sent to Governor)

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 AMEND SECTION 43-11-7,
6 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON MAY APPLY FOR
7 A LICENSE FOR A NURSING HOME; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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



29 The board may establish the frequency of the offering of
30 those examinations and the contents thereof.

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

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

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

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

56 **SECTION 2.** Section 43-11-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
57 amended as follows:

58 43-11-7. Any person, as defined in Section 43-11-1, may
59 apply for a license as provided in this section. An application
60 for a license shall be made to the licensing agency upon forms
61 provided by it and shall contain such information as the licensing



62 agency reasonably requires, which may include affirmative evidence
63 of ability to comply with such reasonable standards, rules and
64 regulations as are lawfully prescribed under this chapter. Each
65 application for a license for an institution for the aged or
66 infirm, except for personal care homes, shall be accompanied by a
67 license fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for each bed in the
68 institution, with a minimum fee per institution of Two Hundred
69 Dollars (\$200.00), which shall be paid to the licensing agency.
70 Each application for a license for a personal care home shall be
71 accompanied by a license fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) for each
72 bed in the institution, with a minimum fee per institution of One
73 Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), which shall be paid to the licensing
74 agency.

75 No governmental entity or agency shall be required to pay the
76 fee or fees set forth in this section.

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

