

By: Representatives Barnett (92nd),
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To: Public Health and
Welfare

HOUSE BILL NO. 646

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-25-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE FINGERPRINTING OF APPLICANTS FOR A MEDICAL LICENSE; AND
3 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-25-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 73-25-3. Every person who desires to obtain a license to
8 practice medicine must apply therefor, in writing, to the State
9 Board of Medical Licensure at least ten (10) days before the date
10 of the examination and must be examined by said board according to
11 the methods deemed by it to be the most practical and expeditious
12 to test the applicants' qualifications, and if the applicant be
13 found by the board, upon examination, to possess sufficient
14 learning in said branches and to be of good moral character, the
15 board shall issue him a license to practice medicine; provided
16 that no applicant shall be granted a license unless said applicant
17 shall hold a diploma from a reputable medical college or college
18 of osteopathic medicine that requires a four-year course of at
19 least thirty-two (32) weeks for each session, or its equivalent.

20 To qualify for a Mississippi medical license an applicant
21 must have successfully been cleared for licensure through an
22 investigation which shall consist of a determination as to good
23 moral character and verification that the prospective licensee is
24 not guilty of or in violation of any statutory ground for denial
25 of licensure as set forth in Sections 73-25-29 and 73-25-83. To
26 assist the board in conducting its licensure investigation, all
27 applicants shall be fingerprinted. All fingerprints taken shall



28 be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation or other law
29 enforcement agency for analysis.

30 This section shall not apply to applicants for a special
31 volunteer medical license authorized under Section 73-25-18.

32 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
33 and after July 1, 2003.

