

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.

