HOUSE BILL NO. 1057

1 AN ACT TO ALLOW HOME HEALTH CARE WORKERS TO REPORT ILLEGAL
2 ACTIVITIES; TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FROM CIVIL LIABILITY IF SUCH
3 REPORT IS BASED UPON A REASONABLE BELIEF; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. (1) Any home health care worker who witnesses a
2 criminal offense is authorized to report such criminal offense to
3 the appropriate law enforcement agency. A home health care worker
4 shall not be liable in any civil action for making a report under
5 this section, if such home health care worker had a good faith
6 reasonable belief that a criminal offense was committed.
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8 (2) For the purposes of this section, "home health care
9 worker" means any person licensed or employed to provide medical
10 or health services in the private residence of a patient, whether
11 such person is employed by the state or any of its political
12 subdivisions or by a private health care provider.

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