

By: Representative Ishee

To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 847

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT INSURERS SHALL PROVIDE MEDICAL
2 MALPRACTICE INSURANCE COVERAGE TO ANY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WHO
3 MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE INSURER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) For purposes of this section, "insurer"
6 means an issuer of insurance policies or plans providing medical
7 malpractice insurance coverage to licensed physicians, hospitals
8 or other licensed health care providers in the State of
9 Mississippi.

10 (2) Any licensed physician, hospital or other licensed
11 health care provider may apply for medical malpractice insurance
12 coverage with an insurer. If the insurer determines that the
13 applicant meets the underwriting standards of the insurer and
14 there is no unpaid, uncontested premium due from the applicant for
15 prior insurance, then the insurer, upon receipt of the premium,
16 shall cause to be issued a policy of medical malpractice
17 insurance.

18 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
19 and after July 1, 2004.