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To: Public Health and Human
Services; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1094

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-59-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL DEVELOP AND
3 IMPLEMENT A STATEWIDE HEART ATTACK AND STROKE ACUTE CARE SYSTEM TO
4 REDUCE DEATH AND DISABILITY RESULTING FROM ACUTE HEART ATTACK AND
5 STROKE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-59-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 41-59-5. (1) The State Board of Health shall establish and
10 maintain a program for the improvement and regulation of emergency
11 medical services (hereinafter EMS) in the State of Mississippi.
12 The responsibility for implementation and conduct of this program
13 shall be vested in the State Health Officer of the State Board of
14 Health along with such other officers and boards as may be
15 specified by law or regulation.

16 (2) The board shall provide for the regulation and licensing
17 of public and private ambulance service, inspection and issuance
18 of permits for ambulance vehicles, training and certification of
19 EMS personnel, including drivers and attendants, the development
20 and maintenance of a statewide EMS records program, development
21 and adoption of EMS regulations, the coordination of an EMS
22 communications system, and other related EMS activities.

23 (3) The board may promulgate and enforce such rules,
24 regulations and minimum standards as needed to carry out the
25 provisions of this chapter.

26 (4) The board may receive any funds appropriated to the
27 board from the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund created
28 in Section 41-59-61 and may, with the Emergency Medical Services

29 Advisory Council acting in an advisory capacity, * * * administer
30 the disbursement of those funds to the counties, municipalities
31 and organized emergency medical service districts and the
32 utilization of those funds by the same, as provided in Section
33 41-59-61.

34 (5) (a) The department acting as the lead agency, in
35 consultation with and having solicited advice from the EMS
36 Advisory Council, shall develop a uniform nonfragmented inclusive
37 statewide trauma care system that provides excellent patient care.
38 It is the intent of the Legislature that the purpose of this
39 system is to reduce death and disability resulting from traumatic
40 injury, and in order to accomplish this goal, it is necessary to
41 assign additional responsibilities to the department. The
42 department is assigned the responsibility for creating,
43 implementing and managing the statewide trauma care system. The
44 department shall be designated as the lead agency for trauma care
45 systems development. The department shall develop and administer
46 trauma regulations that include, but are not limited to, the
47 Mississippi Trauma Care System Plan, trauma system standards,
48 trauma center designations, field triage, interfacility trauma
49 transfer, EMS aero medical transportation, trauma data collection,
50 trauma care system evaluation and management of state trauma
51 systems funding. The department shall take the necessary steps to
52 develop, adopt and implement the Mississippi Trauma Care System
53 Plan and all associated trauma care system regulations necessary
54 to implement the Mississippi trauma care system. The department
55 shall cause the implementation of both professional and lay trauma
56 education programs. These trauma educational programs shall
57 include both clinical trauma education and injury prevention. As
58 it is recognized that rehabilitation services are essential for
59 traumatized individuals to be returned to active, productive
60 lives, the department shall coordinate the development of the
61 inclusive trauma system with the Mississippi Department of

62 Rehabilitation Services and all other appropriate rehabilitation
63 systems.

64 **(b)** The State Board of Health may receive any funds
65 appropriated to the board from the Mississippi Trauma Care System
66 Fund created in Section 41-59-75. In addition, the board, with
67 the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council and the
68 Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee acting in advisory
69 capacities, may administer the disbursements of those funds
70 according to adopted trauma care system regulations.

71 **(7) (a)** The department acting as the lead agency, in
72 consultation with and having solicited advice from the Emergency
73 Medical Services Advisory Council, shall develop a uniform
74 nonfragmented inclusive statewide heart attack and stroke acute
75 care system that provides excellent patient care. It is the
76 intent of the Legislature that the purpose of this system is to
77 reduce death and disability resulting from acute heart attack and
78 stroke, and in order to accomplish this goal, it is necessary to
79 assign additional responsibilities to the department. The
80 department is assigned the responsibility for creating,
81 implementing and managing the statewide heart attack and stroke
82 acute care system. The department shall be designated as the lead
83 agency for heart attack and stroke acute care systems development.
84 The department shall develop and administer heart attack and
85 stroke acute care regulations that include, but are not limited
86 to, the Mississippi Heart Attack and Stroke Acute Care System
87 Plan, heart attack and stroke acute care system standards, heart
88 attack and stroke acute care center designations, field triage,
89 interfacility heart attack and stroke transfer, EMS aero medical
90 transportation, heart attack and stroke data collection, heart
91 attack and stroke acute care system evaluation and management of
92 any heart attack and stroke acute care systems funding. The
93 department shall take the necessary steps to develop, adopt and
94 implement the Mississippi Heart Attack and Stroke Acute Care

95 System Plan and all associated heart attack and stroke acute care
96 system regulations necessary to implement the Mississippi heart
97 attack and stroke acute care system. The department shall cause
98 the implementation of both professional and lay heart attack and
99 stroke education programs. These heart attack and stroke
100 educational programs shall include both clinical heart attack and
101 stroke education and risk factor prevention. As it is recognized
102 that rehabilitation services are essential for heart attack and
103 stroke survivors to be returned to active, productive lives, the
104 department shall coordinate the development of the inclusive heart
105 attack and stroke acute care system with the Mississippi
106 Department of Rehabilitation Services and all other appropriate
107 rehabilitation systems.

108 (b) The State Board of Health may receive any state,
109 federal, and private funds made available for the heart attack and
110 stroke acute care system. In addition, the board, with the
111 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council and the Mississippi
112 Task Force on Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention acting in
113 advisory capacities, may administer the disbursements of those
114 funds according to adopted heart attack and stroke acute care
115 system regulations.

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