

By: Senator(s) Burton

To: Public Health and
Welfare; Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2695

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-59-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO DEVELOP A STATEWIDE
3 HEART ATTACK AND STROKE CARE SYSTEM AND EXPEND FUNDS THEREFOR; AND
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 41-59-5. (1) The State Board of Health shall establish and
9 maintain a program for the improvement and regulation of emergency
10 medical services (hereinafter EMS) in the State of Mississippi.
11 The responsibility for implementation and conduct of this program
12 shall be vested in the State Health Officer of the State Board of
13 Health along with such other officers and boards as may be
14 specified by law or regulation.

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

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

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

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

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

61 Rehabilitation Services and all other appropriate rehabilitation
62 systems.

63 (6) The State Board of Health is authorized to receive any
64 funds appropriated to the board from the Mississippi Trauma Care
65 System Fund created in Section 41-59-75. It is further
66 authorized, with the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council
67 and the Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee acting in advisory
68 capacities, to administer the disbursements of such funds
69 according to adopted trauma care system regulations.

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

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

107 (8) The State Board of Health is authorized to receive any
108 funds appropriated to the board from state, federal and private
109 funds. It is further authorized, with the Emergency Medical
110 Services Advisory Council and the Mississippi Task Force on Heart
111 Disease and Stroke Prevention acting in advisory capacities, to
112 administer the disbursements of such funds according to adopted
113 Heart Attack and Stroke Acute Care System regulations.

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