

By: Senator(s) Chaney

To: Public Health and Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2874

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 43-20-11 AND 43-20-13, MISSISSIPPI
2 CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO
3 DISTRIBUTE CHILD CARE CENSUS DATA INFORMATION TO FACILITIES DURING
4 THE CHILD CARE LICENSING AND RENEWAL PROCESS; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 43-20-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 43-20-11. An application for a license under this chapter
10 shall be made to the licensing agency upon forms provided by it,
11 and shall contain such information as the licensing agency may
12 reasonably require. Each application for a license shall be
13 accompanied by a license fee not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars
14 (\$200.00), which shall be paid to the licensing agency. Licenses
15 shall be granted to applicants upon the filing of properly
16 completed application forms, accompanied by payment of the said
17 license fee, and a certificate of inspection and approval by the
18 fire department of the municipality or other political subdivision
19 in which the facility is located, and by a certificate of
20 inspection and approval by the health department of the county in
21 which the facility is located, and approval by the licensing
22 agency; except that if no fire department exists where the
23 facility is located, the State Fire Marshal shall certify as to
24 the inspection for safety from fire hazards. Said fire, county
25 health department and licensing agency inspections and approvals
26 shall be based upon regulations promulgated by the licensing
27 agency as approved by the State Board of Health.

28 Each license shall be issued only for the premises and person
29 or persons named in the application and shall not be transferable
30 or assignable except with the written approval of the licensing
31 agency. Licenses shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the
32 licensed premises.

33 No governmental entity or agency shall be required to pay the
34 fee or fees set forth in this section.

35 The State Department of Health is authorized and directed to
36 distribute child care census data to child care facilities during
37 the licensing inspection and license renewal process, in order to
38 continue and update the child care data depository.

39 **SECTION 2.** Section 43-20-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
40 amended as follows:

41 43-20-13. A license issued under the provisions of this
42 chapter shall be renewed upon payment of a renewal fee not to
43 exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per year and upon filing by
44 the licensee of a report upon such uniform dates and upon forms
45 provided by the licensing agency, accompanied by a current
46 certificate of inspection and approval by the fire department and
47 the county health department specified in Section 43-20-11.

48 No governmental entity or agency shall be required to pay the
49 fee or fees set forth in this section.

50 The State Department of Health is authorized and directed to
51 distribute child care census data to child care facilities during
52 the licensing inspection and license renewal process, in order to
53 continue and update the child care data depository.

54 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
55 and after July 1, 2004.