

**Adopted  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill No. 715**

**BY: Committee**

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting  
in lieu thereof the following:**

6           **SECTION 1.** Section 73-25-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8           73-25-14. (1) The license of every person licensed to  
9 practice medicine or osteopathy in the State of Mississippi shall  
10 be renewed annually.

11           On or before May 1 of each year, the State Board of Medical  
12 Licensure shall mail a notice of renewal of license to every  
13 physician or osteopath to whom a license was issued or renewed  
14 during the current licensing year. The notice shall provide  
15 instructions for obtaining and submitting applications for  
16 renewal. The State Board of Medical Licensure is authorized to  
17 make applications for renewal available via electronic means. The  
18 applicant shall obtain and complete the application and submit it  
19 to the board in the manner prescribed by the board in the notice  
20 before June 30 with the renewal fee of an amount established by  
21 the board, but not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), a  
22 portion of which fee shall be used to support a program to aid  
23 impaired physicians and osteopaths. The payment of the annual  
24 license renewal fee shall be optional with all physicians over the

25 age of seventy (70) years. Upon receipt of the application and  
26 fee, the board shall verify the accuracy of the application and  
27 issue to applicant a certificate of renewal for the ensuing year,  
28 beginning July 1 and expiring June 30 of the succeeding calendar  
29 year. That renewal shall render the holder thereof a legal  
30 practitioner as stated on the renewal form.

31 (2) Any physician or osteopath practicing in Mississippi who  
32 allows his or her license to lapse by failing to renew the license  
33 as provided in subsection (1) may be reinstated by the board on  
34 satisfactory explanation for the failure to renew, by completion  
35 of a reinstatement form, and upon payment of the renewal fee for  
36 the current year, and shall be assessed a fine of Twenty-five  
37 Dollars (\$25.00) plus an additional fine of Five Dollars (\$5.00)  
38 for each month thereafter that the license renewal remains  
39 delinquent.

40 (3) Any physician or osteopath not practicing in Mississippi  
41 who allows his or her license to lapse by failing to renew the  
42 license as provided in subsection (1) may be reinstated by the  
43 board on satisfactory explanation for the failure to renew, by  
44 completion of a reinstatement form and upon payment of the  
45 arrearages for the previous five (5) years and the renewal fee for  
46 the current year.

47 (4) Any physician or osteopath who allows his or her license  
48 to lapse shall be notified by the board within thirty (30) days of  
49 that lapse.

50 (5) Any person practicing as a licensed physician or  
51 osteopath during the time his or her license has lapsed shall be  
52 considered an illegal practitioner and shall be subject to  
53 penalties provided for violation of the Medical Practice Act,  
54 provided that he or she had not submitted the required  
55 reinstatement form and fee within fifteen (15) days after  
56 notification by the board of the lapse.

57           (6) Any physician or osteopath practicing in the State of  
58 Mississippi whose license has lapsed and is deemed an illegal  
59 practitioner under subsection (5) of this section may petition the  
60 board for reinstatement of his or her license on a retroactive  
61 basis, if the physician or osteopath was unable to meet the June  
62 30 deadline due to extraordinary or other legitimate reasons, and  
63 retroactive reinstatement of licensure shall be granted or may be  
64 denied by the board only for good cause. Failure to advise the  
65 board of change of address shall not be considered a basis of  
66 reinstatement.

67           (7) None of the fees or fines provided for in this section  
68 shall be applicable to the renewal of a special volunteer medical  
69 license authorized under Section 73-25-18.

70           (8) Fees collected under the provisions of this section  
71 shall be used by the board to defray expenses of administering the  
72 licensure provisions of the Medical Practice Act (Title 73,  
73 Chapter 25, Mississippi Code of 1972) and to support a program to  
74 aid impaired physicians and osteopaths in an amount determined by  
75 the board.

76           **SECTION 2.** Section 73-27-12, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
77 amended as follows:

78           73-27-12. (1) The license of every person licensed to  
79 practice podiatry in the State of Mississippi shall be renewed  
80 annually.

81           On or before May 1 of each year, the board shall mail a  
82 notice of renewal of license to every podiatrist to whom a license  
83 was issued or renewed during the current licensing year. The  
84 notice shall provide instructions for obtaining and submitting  
85 applications for renewal. The State Board of Medical Licensure is  
86 authorized to make applications for renewal available via  
87 electronic means. The applicant shall obtain and complete the  
88 application and submit it to the board in the manner prescribed by

89 the board in the notice before June 30 with the renewal fee of an  
90 amount established by the board, but not to exceed Two Hundred  
91 Dollars (\$200.00), a portion of which fee shall be used to support  
92 a program to aid impaired podiatrists. Upon receipt of the  
93 application and fee, the board shall verify the accuracy of the  
94 application and issue to applicant a certificate of renewal for  
95 the ensuing year, beginning July 1 and expiring June 30 of the  
96 succeeding calendar year. That renewal shall render the holder  
97 thereof a legal practitioner as stated on the renewal form.

98 (2) Any podiatrist practicing in Mississippi who allows his  
99 or her license to lapse by failing to renew the license as  
100 provided in subsection (1) may be reinstated by the board on  
101 satisfactory explanation for the failure to renew, by completion  
102 of a reinstatement form, and upon payment of the renewal fee for  
103 the current year, and shall be assessed a fine of Twenty-five  
104 Dollars (\$25.00) plus an additional fine of Five Dollars (\$5.00)  
105 for each month thereafter that the license renewal remains  
106 delinquent.

107 (3) Any podiatrist not practicing in Mississippi who allows  
108 his or her license to lapse by failing to renew the license as  
109 provided in subsection (1) may be reinstated by the board on  
110 satisfactory explanation for the failure to renew, by completion  
111 of a reinstatement form and upon payment of the arrearages for the  
112 previous five (5) years and the renewal fee for the current year.

113 (4) Any podiatrist who allows his or her license to lapse  
114 shall be notified by the board within thirty (30) days of that  
115 lapse.

116 (5) Any person practicing as a licensed podiatrist during  
117 the time his or her license has lapsed shall be considered an  
118 illegal practitioner and shall be subject to penalties set forth  
119 in Section 73-27-17, provided that he or she has not submitted the

120 required reinstatement form and fee within fifteen (15) days after  
121 notification by the board of the lapse.

122 (6) Any podiatrist practicing in the State of Mississippi  
123 whose license has lapsed and is deemed an illegal practitioner  
124 under subsection (5) of this section may petition the board for  
125 reinstatement of his or her license on a retroactive basis, if the  
126 podiatrist was unable to meet the June 30 deadline due to  
127 extraordinary or other legitimate reasons, and retroactive  
128 reinstatement of licensure shall be granted or may be denied by  
129 the board only for good cause. Failure to advise the board of  
130 change of address shall not be considered a basis for  
131 reinstatement.

132 (7) Fees collected under the provisions of this section  
133 shall be used by the board to defray expenses of administering the  
134 licensure provisions of Title 73, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of  
135 1972, and to support a program to aid impaired podiatrists in an  
136 amount determined by the board.

137 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
138 and after its passage.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 73-25-14 AND 73-27-12, MISSISSIPPI  
2 CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF LICENSES TO PRACTICE  
3 MEDICINE OR OSTEOPATHY AND PODIATRY BY ELECTRONIC MEANS; AND FOR  
4 RELATED PURPOSES.