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AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**Onte Sub for Senate Bill No. 2846**

**BY: Senator(s) Hyde-Smith**

1       **AMEND by inserting the following after line 11 and**  
2 **renumbering subsequent sections accordingly:**

3       **SECTION \*.** Section 41-85-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
4 amended as follows:

5       41-85-9. (1) Any duly authorized officer or employee of the  
6 department shall have the right to make such inspections and  
7 investigations as are necessary in order to determine the state of  
8 compliance with the provisions of this chapter and of rules or  
9 standards in force pursuant hereto. The right of inspection shall  
10 also extend to any program which the department has reason to  
11 believe is offering or advertising itself as a hospice without a  
12 license, but no inspection of any such program may be made without  
13 the permission of the owner or person in charge thereof unless a  
14 warrant is first obtained authorizing such inspection. Any  
15 application for a license or renewal thereof made pursuant to this  
16 chapter shall constitute permission for any inspection of the  
17 hospice for which the license is sought in order to facilitate  
18 verification of the information submitted on or in connection with  
19 the application.

20       (2) The department shall conduct a full inspection of all  
21 hospice programs on an annual basis to determine compliance with  
22 all standards, including safety code standards.

23           **FURTHER, amend the title by inserting the following after the**  
24 **semicolon on line 3:**

25 TO AMEND SECTION 41-85-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE  
26 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT FULL INSPECTIONS OF HOSPICES  
27 ANNUALLY;