MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Senator(s) Ross, Little, Robertson, Doxey, Albritton, Burton, Dawkins To: Judiciary, Division A

## SENATE BILL NO. 2004

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON THE CHARGES PERMITTED FOR 2 PHOTOCOPYING PATIENTS' RECORDS BY ANY MEDICAL PROVIDER; AND FOR 3 RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 4 5 SECTION 1. Any medical provider or hospital or nursing home or other medical facility shall charge no more than the following 6 amounts to patients or their representatives for photocopying any 7 8 patient's records: Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for pages one (1) through twenty (20); One Dollar (\$1.00) per page for the next 9 eighty (80) pages; Fifty Cents (50¢) per page for all pages 10 thereafter. Ten percent (10%) of the total charge may be added 11 for postage and handling. Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) may be 12 13 recovered by the medical provider or hospital or nursing home or other medical facility for retrieving medical records in archives 14 15 at a location off the premises where the facility/office is 16 located.

17 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 18 and after July 1, 2004.