

By: Representative Cummings

To: Agriculture

HOUSE BILL NO. 948

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OR POSSESSION OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS
2 CONTAINING STRYCHNINE; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS
3 ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) No person shall use or possess any alkaloid
6 product derived from the nux vomica plant also known by the common
7 name strychnine. Nothing herein prevents the use of strychnine by
8 licensed physicians and veterinarians for medicinal purposes.

9 (2) A person violating subsection (1) of this section is
10 guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by
11 a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). If such
12 person has also violated the provisions of Section 69-23-1 et
13 seq., or any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder, he is
14 subject to the penalties provided in Section 69-23-29 or Section
15 69-23-135 in addition to the fine provided in this subsection.

16 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
17 and after July 1, 2005.