

By: Representative Holland

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 650

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL
2 OF PHARMACY SHALL GRANT A NONTRADITIONAL DOCTOR OF PHARMACY
3 (PHARMD) DEGREE TO ANY LICENSED PHARMACIST IN MISSISSIPPI WHO
4 HOLDS A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN PHARMACY, WHO HAS AT LEAST
5 FIVE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS A PHARMACIST, AND WHO HAS SUCCESSFULLY
6 COMPLETED MINIMUM CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS IN CERTAIN FIELDS
7 OF DISEASE STATE MANAGEMENT; TO DIRECT THE UNIVERSITY OF
8 MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL OF PHARMACY TO OFFER OR PROVIDE FOR THE
9 OFFERING OF CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES IN CERTAIN FIELDS OF
10 DISEASE STATE MANAGEMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** (1) The University of Mississippi School of
13 Pharmacy shall grant a nontraditional Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)
14 degree to any pharmacist who holds a Bachelor of Science degree in
15 pharmacy and who meets the following criteria:

16 (a) Holds a current, unrestricted license to practice
17 pharmacy in the State of Mississippi;

18 (b) Has not less than five (5) years of experience as a
19 pharmacist; and

20 (c) Who has successfully completed sixteen (16) hours
21 of continuing education credit, eight (8) hours of which must be
22 live, in each of the fields of disease state management of
23 dyslipidemia, asthma, diabetes and anticoagulation, for a total of
24 sixty-four (64) hours. The sixty-four (64) hours of continuing
25 education credit must be obtained from programs presented by the
26 University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy or approved by the
27 Mississippi Board of Pharmacy and must be completed within a
28 period of two (2) years from the date of enrollment.

29 (2) The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy shall
30 offer or provide for the offering of continuing education courses

31 in the following fields of disease state management:

32 dyslipidemia, asthma, diabetes and anticoagulation.

33 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

34 and after July 1, 2006.