

By: Representative Holland

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 895

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A STATEWIDE PROGRAM FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF  
 2 HEMODIALYSIS TECHNICIANS UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF NURSING;  
 3 TO PROHIBIT ANY PERSON FROM PRACTICING AS A CERTIFIED HEMODIALYSIS  
 4 TECHNICIAN OR USING ANY TITLE TO INDICATE THAT THE PERSON IS A  
 5 CERTIFIED HEMODIALYSIS TECHNICIAN, UNLESS THE PERSON IS CERTIFIED  
 6 UNDER THIS ACT; TO PRESCRIBE THE POWERS OF THE BOARD OF NURSING  
 7 REGARDING THE CERTIFICATION OF HEMODIALYSIS TECHNICIANS, TRAINING  
 8 PROGRAMS, CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS AND DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS; TO  
 9 PRESCRIBE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICANTS FOR CERTIFICATION AS A  
 10 HEMODIALYSIS TECHNICIAN; TO PRESCRIBE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL  
 11 OF CERTIFICATION; TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF NURSING TO ESTABLISH  
 12 CERTAIN FEES NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS ACT; AND FOR  
 13 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

15 **SECTION 1.** (1) A statewide program for certification of  
 16 hemodialysis technicians is created under the Mississippi Board of  
 17 Nursing.

18 (2) Unless certified as a certified hemodialysis technician  
 19 under this section, no person shall:

- 20 (a) Practice as a certified hemodialysis technician; or
- 21 (b) Use the title "certified hemodialysis technician,"
- 22 "hemodialysis technician," or other title, abbreviation, letters,
- 23 figures, signs, or devices to indicate or imply that the person is
- 24 a certified hemodialysis technician.

25 (3) The Board of Nursing is authorized and empowered to:

- 26 (a) Maintain a permanent register of all certified
- 27 hemodialysis technicians;
- 28 (b) Adopt rules and regulations for certified
- 29 hemodialysis technician training programs, including standards and
- 30 curricula;
- 31 (c) Provide for periodic evaluation of training
- 32 programs;

33           (d) Grant, deny or withdraw approval from a training  
34 program that fails to meet prescribed standards or fails to  
35 maintain a current contract with the board;

36           (e) Develop, maintain and administer a certification  
37 examination, or grant, deny or withdraw approval of a  
38 certification examination(s);

39           (f) Adopt rules and regulations for certification of  
40 hemodialysis technicians by examination, endorsement, renewal and  
41 reinstatement; and

42           (g) Conduct disciplinary hearings of certified  
43 hemodialysis technicians concerning the restriction, denial,  
44 suspension, revocation and/or discipline of a certificate holder  
45 in any manner specified in rules and regulations of the board.

46           (4) Any applicant for certification to practice as a  
47 hemodialysis technician shall submit to the Board of Nursing:

48           (a) An attested written application on a Board of  
49 Nursing form;

50           (b) A diploma from an approved high school or the  
51 equivalent thereof, as determined by the appropriate education  
52 agency;

53           (c) Written official evidence of completion of a  
54 hemodialysis technician program approved by the Board of Nursing;

55           (d) Evidence of competence in English related to health  
56 care/nursing if the first language is not English;

57           (e) Written official evidence that the applicant has  
58 passed the certification examination as approved by the Board of  
59 Nursing; and

60           (f) Any other official records required by the Board of  
61 Nursing.

62           The Board of Nursing may, in its discretion, refuse to accept  
63 the application of any person who has been convicted of a criminal  
64 offense under any provision of Title 97 of the Mississippi Code of  
65 1972, or any offense listed in Section 43-11-13(5), or any sex

66 offense included in Section 45-33-23(g), as now or hereafter  
67 amended.

68 (5) Every certificate issued by the Board of Nursing to  
69 practice as a certified hemodialysis technician shall be renewed  
70 every two (2) years. The certified hemodialysis technician  
71 seeking renewal shall submit proof of employment as a certified  
72 hemodialysis technician, proof of having met continuing education  
73 requirements adopted by the Board of Nursing and any other  
74 official records required by the Board of Nursing.

75 (6) The Board of Nursing shall establish nonrefundable fees  
76 necessary for the administration of this section, including, but  
77 not limited to, fees for initial certification by initial or later  
78 examination, renewal of certification, reinstatement of a lapsed  
79 certificate, endorsement, initial review and approval of a  
80 training program, and later review and approval of a training  
81 program.

82 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
83 and after July 1, 2006.