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To: Universities and  
Colleges

SENATE BILL NO. 2575

1 AN ACT DIRECTING THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL OF  
2 PHARMACY TO CONFER A NON-TRADITIONAL PHARM D DEGREE ON THOSE  
3 PHARMACISTS HOLDING A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN PHARMACY WHEN  
4 CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL CRITERIA HAVE BEEN MET; AND FOR RELATED  
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) The University of Mississippi School of  
8 Pharmacy and the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy will provide access  
9 to continuing education programs in the following fields of  
10 disease state management: dyslipidemia, asthma, diabetes and  
11 anticoagulation.

12 An individual desiring to obtain the Non-Traditional Pharm D  
13 degree must hold a current unrestricted license to practice  
14 pharmacy in the State of Mississippi and must have at least five  
15 (5) years experience as a pharmacist.

16 An individual holding a Bachelor of Science Degree in  
17 Pharmacy desiring to obtain the Non-Traditional Pharm D degree  
18 must successfully complete sixteen (16) hours of continuing  
19 education credit, eight (8) hours of which must be live, in each  
20 of the fields of disease state management of dyslipidemia, asthma,  
21 diabetes and anticoagulation, for a total of sixty-four (64)  
22 hours. The sixty-four (64) hours of continuing education credit  
23 must be obtained from those programs presented by the University  
24 of Mississippi School of Pharmacy or approved by the Mississippi  
25 Board of Pharmacy and must be completed within a two-year period  
26 from the date of enrollment.

27 (2) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher  
28 Learning shall implement the provisions of this act.

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