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To: Public Health and Welfare

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2882

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE ACT;
2 TO AID HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS IN THE EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF CHRONIC
3 KIDNEY DISEASE (CKD) BY URGING PROVIDERS TO COUNSEL PATIENTS AT
4 RISK FOR CKD; TO REQUIRE LABORATORIES TO REPORT THE GLOMERULAR
5 FILTRATION RATE (GFR) ON ANY SERUM CREATININE TEST ORDERED BY A
6 HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL; TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
7 TO PROMULGATE NECESSARY REGULATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** This act shall be known and may be cited as the
10 "Mississippi Chronic Kidney Disease Act."

11 **SECTION 2.** (1) (a) The Mississippi State Department of
12 Health shall annually notify health care professionals who assume
13 responsibility for patients with diabetes, hypertension, or a
14 family history of kidney disease, about the importance of
15 screening patients for Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) via routine
16 laboratory assessment of kidney function.

17 (b) As ordered by a health care professional, clinical
18 laboratories, when testing a specimen to determine a patient's
19 serum creatinine, shall also calculate and report to the health
20 care professional the patient's Glomerular Filtration Rate (GFR)
21 using such information as provided by the health care professional
22 or patient, as applicable.

23 (c) The Mississippi State Department of Health shall
24 annually notify health care professionals that early
25 identification of individuals at risk for Chronic Kidney Disease
26 (CKD) can reduce the serious long-term effects of Chronic Kidney
27 Disease (CKD) on the affected population, thereby potentially
28 lowering the significant economic burden on Mississippi's health

29 care system while improving the quality of life for the citizens
30 of Mississippi.

31 (2) The Mississippi State Board of Health shall promulgate
32 such rules as are necessary to implement and administer this act.

33 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
34 and after July 1, 2006.