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To: Public Health and Human  
Services; Appropriations

## HOUSE BILL NO. 567

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ON JULY 1, 2008, THE UNIVERSITY OF  
2 MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER SHALL ESTABLISH A SEPARATE UNIT AT THE  
3 MEDICAL CENTER FOR THE TREATMENT OF BURN VICTIMS, WHICH SHALL BE  
4 KNOWN AS THE MISSISSIPPI BURN CENTER; TO DIRECT THE LEGISLATURE TO  
5 APPROPRIATE NOT LESS THAN \$10,000,000.00 ANNUALLY TO THE  
6 UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER FOR THE OPERATION OF THE  
7 MISSISSIPPI BURN CENTER; TO AMEND SECTIONS 7-9-70, 21-19-58,  
8 27-7-88, 27-19-44.3, 27-39-331 AND 27-39-332, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
9 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT APPROPRIATIONS FROM AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
10 MISSISSIPPI BURN CARE FUND SHALL BE MADE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF  
11 MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER INSTEAD OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
12 HEALTH AFTER THE MISSISSIPPI BURN CENTER IS OPERATIONAL; TO AMEND  
13 SECTION 41-59-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE AUTHORITY  
14 OF THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH REGARDING A PLAN FOR THE DELIVERY OF  
15 SERVICES TO MISSISSIPPI BURN VICTIMS THROUGH THE EXISTING TRAUMA  
16 CARE SYSTEM OF HOSPITALS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

18 **SECTION 1.** (1) The University of Mississippi Medical Center  
19 shall establish a separate unit at the medical center for the  
20 treatment of burn victims, which shall be known as the Mississippi  
21 Burn Center.

22 (2) The Legislature shall appropriate not less than Ten  
23 Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) annually to the University of  
24 Mississippi Medical Center for the operation of the Mississippi  
25 Burn Center, in addition to any funds that it appropriates to the  
26 medical center from the Mississippi Burn Care Fund.

27 **SECTION 2.** Section 7-9-70, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
28 amended as follows:

29 7-9-70. (1) There is \* \* \* created and established in the  
30 State Treasury a special trust fund to be known as the  
31 "Mississippi Fire Fighters Memorial Burn Center Fund." There  
32 shall be deposited in such fund (a) all such fees as the State  
33 Treasurer is directed to deposit therein under subsection (4) of  
34 Section 27-19-56.1, under subsection (4) of Section 27-19-56.2 and

35 under subsection (5)(b) of Section 27-19-56.4; and (b) any gift,  
36 donation, bequest, trust, grant, endowment, transfer of money or  
37 securities or any other monies from any source whatsoever as may  
38 be designated for deposit in the fund.

39 (2) The principal of the trust fund created under subsection  
40 (1) of this section shall remain inviolate and shall be invested  
41 as provided by law. Interest and income derived from investment  
42 of the principal of the trust fund may be appropriated by the  
43 Legislature and expended exclusively for the support and  
44 maintenance of the Mississippi Fire Fighters Memorial Burn Center.

45 (3) From and after June 17, 2005, there shall be created in  
46 the State Treasury a fund known as the Mississippi Burn Care Fund.  
47 The Mississippi Burn Care Fund shall be the Mississippi Fire  
48 Fighters Memorial Burn Center Fund and any reference to the  
49 Mississippi Fire Fighters Memorial Burn Center Fund in law shall  
50 mean the Mississippi Burn Care Fund. All funds payable to the  
51 Mississippi Fire Fighters Memorial Burn Center Fund shall, from  
52 and after June 17, 2005, be paid to the Mississippi Burn Care  
53 Fund. All balances in the Mississippi Fire Fighters Memorial Burn  
54 Center Fund and the Mississippi Fire Fighters Memorial Fire  
55 Fighters Burn Center Escrow Fund shall be transferred to the  
56 Mississippi Burn Care Fund on June 17, 2005. All interest earned  
57 by funds in the Mississippi Burn Care Fund shall be credited to  
58 the fund and not the General Fund. For fiscal year 2006, and for  
59 each fiscal year thereafter, the Legislature may appropriate  
60 interest, income or other funds credited to the Mississippi Burn  
61 Care Fund, and there shall be no requirement that the monies  
62 deposited to the fund be held inviolate in trust. Any  
63 appropriation of funds from the Mississippi Burn Care Fund shall  
64 be to the Mississippi Department of Health for the purpose of  
65 carrying out its responsibilities established in Section 41-59-5;  
66 however, after the Mississippi Burn Center established at the  
67 University of Mississippi Medical Center under Section 1 of this

68 act is operational, any appropriation of funds from the  
69 Mississippi Burn Care Fund shall be to the University of  
70 Mississippi Medical Center for the operation of the Mississippi  
71 Burn Center. The Mississippi Burn Care Fund shall be authorized  
72 to accept gifts, donations, bequests, appropriations or other  
73 grants from any source, governmental or private, for deposit into  
74 the fund. The Department of Health, or the University of  
75 Mississippi Medical Center after the Mississippi Burn Center is  
76 operational, shall be the agency responsible for receiving any  
77 such gifts, donations, bequests, appropriations or grants and  
78 shall deposit such to the Mississippi Burn Care Fund.

79 **SECTION 3.** Section 21-19-58, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
80 amended as follows:

81 21-19-58. The board of supervisors of any county, and the  
82 governing authorities of any municipality in the state, are \* \* \*  
83 authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to make  
84 contributions to the Mississippi Department of Health, or the  
85 University of Mississippi Medical Center after the Mississippi  
86 Burn Center is operational, for deposit to the Mississippi Burn  
87 Care Fund from the general fund or federal revenue sharing funds  
88 of such county or municipality wherein such funds may be  
89 available.

90 **SECTION 4.** Section 27-7-88, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
91 amended as follows:

92 27-7-88. (1) Each resident individual taxpayer who files a  
93 Mississippi income tax return and who will receive a tax refund  
94 from the State Tax Commission may designate that a contribution be  
95 made to the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created in Section 7-9-70,  
96 not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), by marking the  
97 appropriate box printed on the return pursuant to this subsection.  
98 In the case of a joint return, each spouse may designate that a  
99 portion of the refund shall be paid to such fund.

100 The State Tax Commission shall print on the Mississippi  
101 income tax form for residents a space for designating the  
102 contribution in substantially the following form:

103 "MISSISSIPPI BURN CARE FUND

104 I wish to contribute ( )\$1 ( )\$5 ( )\$10 ( )Other \$\_\_\_\_\_ of  
105 my TAX REFUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI BURN CARE FUND."

106 (2) The State Tax Commission shall explain in the  
107 instructions accompanying the individual income tax form the  
108 purposes for which the contributions authorized herein shall be  
109 used. Any funds in the Mississippi Burn Care Fund may be  
110 appropriated to the State Department of Health for the purposes  
111 established in Section 41-59-5; however, after the Mississippi  
112 Burn Center established at the University of Mississippi Medical  
113 Center under Section 1 of this act is operational, any  
114 appropriation of funds from the Mississippi Burn Care Fund shall  
115 be to the University of Mississippi Medical Center for the  
116 operation of the Mississippi Burn Center.

117 (3) This section shall apply to taxable years beginning on  
118 or after January 1, 2001.

119 (4) The Chairman of the State Tax Commission shall determine  
120 annually the total amount designated by individuals to be paid to  
121 the fund, along with all interest earned thereon, and shall report  
122 such amount to the State Treasurer who shall pay such amount into  
123 the Mississippi Burn Care Fund.

124 **SECTION 5.** Section 27-19-44.3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
125 amended as follows:

126 27-19-44.3. The Mississippi Department of Health, or the  
127 University of Mississippi Medical Center after the Mississippi  
128 Burn Center is operational, shall file an annual report with the  
129 Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of  
130 Representatives not later than January 10 of each year, describing  
131 the expenditure of funds appropriated to it from the Mississippi

132 Burn Care Fund received from fees collected from the issuance of  
133 distinctive or special license tags under this chapter.

134 **SECTION 6.** Section 27-39-331, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
135 amended as follows:

136 27-39-331. The board of supervisors of any county is \* \* \*  
137 authorized and empowered, in its discretion, to set aside,  
138 appropriate and expend monies from the general fund to the  
139 Mississippi Department of Health, or the University of Mississippi  
140 Medical Center after the Mississippi Burn Center is operational,  
141 for deposit to the Mississippi Burn Care Fund.

142 **SECTION 7.** Section 27-39-332, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
143 amended as follows:

144 27-39-332. The board of supervisors of any county is \* \* \*  
145 authorized and empowered, in its discretion, to levy a tax not to  
146 exceed one (1) mill per annum upon all taxable property of the  
147 county to be provided to the Mississippi Department of Health, or  
148 the University of Mississippi Medical Center after the Mississippi  
149 Burn Center is operational, to support the Mississippi Burn Care  
150 Fund.

151 **SECTION 8.** Section 41-59-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
152 amended as follows:

153 41-59-5. (1) The State Board of Health shall establish and  
154 maintain a program for the improvement and regulation of emergency  
155 medical services (hereinafter EMS) in the State of Mississippi.  
156 The responsibility for implementation and conduct of this program  
157 shall be vested in the State Health Officer of the State Board of  
158 Health along with such other officers and boards as may be  
159 specified by law or regulation.

160 (2) The board shall provide for the regulation and licensing  
161 of public and private ambulance service, inspection and issuance  
162 of permits for ambulance vehicles, training and certification of  
163 EMS personnel, including drivers and attendants, the development  
164 and maintenance of a statewide EMS records program, development

165 and adoption of EMS regulations, the coordination of an EMS  
166 communications system, and other related EMS activities.

167 (3) The board is authorized to promulgate and enforce such  
168 rules, regulations and minimum standards as needed to carry out  
169 the provisions of this chapter.

170 (4) The board is authorized to receive any funds  
171 appropriated to the board from the Emergency Medical Services  
172 Operating Fund created in Section 41-59-61 and is further  
173 authorized, with the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council  
174 acting in an advisory capacity, to administer the disbursement of  
175 such funds to the counties, municipalities and organized emergency  
176 medical service districts and the utilization of such funds by the  
177 same, as provided in Section 41-59-61.

178 (5) The department acting as the lead agency, in  
179 consultation with and having solicited advice from the EMS  
180 Advisory Council, shall develop a uniform nonfragmented inclusive  
181 statewide trauma care system that provides excellent patient care.  
182 It is the intent of the Legislature that the purpose of this  
183 system is to reduce death and disability resulting from traumatic  
184 injury, and in order to accomplish this goal it is necessary to  
185 assign additional responsibilities to the department. The  
186 department is assigned the responsibility for creating,  
187 implementing and managing the statewide trauma care system. The  
188 department shall be designated as the lead agency for trauma care  
189 systems development. The department shall develop and administer  
190 trauma regulations that include, but are not limited to, the  
191 Mississippi Trauma Care System Plan, trauma system standards,  
192 trauma center designations, field triage, interfacility trauma  
193 transfer, EMS aero medical transportation, trauma data collection,  
194 trauma care system evaluation and management of state trauma  
195 systems funding. The department shall take the necessary steps to  
196 develop, adopt and implement the Mississippi Trauma Care System  
197 Plan and all associated trauma care system regulations necessary

198 to implement the Mississippi trauma care system. The department  
199 shall cause the implementation of both professional and lay trauma  
200 education programs. These trauma educational programs shall  
201 include both clinical trauma education and injury prevention. As  
202 it is recognized that rehabilitation services are essential for  
203 traumatized individuals to be returned to active, productive  
204 lives, the department shall coordinate the development of the  
205 inclusive trauma system with the Mississippi Department of  
206 Rehabilitation Services and all other appropriate rehabilitation  
207 systems.

208 (6) The State Board of Health is authorized to receive any  
209 funds appropriated to the board from the Mississippi Trauma Care  
210 System Fund created in Section 41-59-75. It is further  
211 authorized, with the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council  
212 and the Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee acting in advisory  
213 capacities, to administer the disbursements of such funds  
214 according to adopted trauma care system regulations.

215 (7) In addition to the trauma-related duties provided for in  
216 this section, the Board of Health shall develop a plan for the  
217 delivery of services to Mississippi burn victims through the  
218 existing trauma care system of hospitals. Such plan shall be  
219 operational by July 1, 2005, and shall include:

220 (a) Systems by which burn patients will be assigned or  
221 transferred to hospitals capable of meeting their needs;

222 (b) Until the Mississippi Burn Center established at  
223 the University of Mississippi Medical Center under Section 1 of  
224 this act is operational, procedures for allocating funds  
225 appropriated from the Mississippi Burn Care Fund to hospitals that  
226 provide services to Mississippi burn victims; and

227 (c) Such other provisions necessary to provide burn  
228 care for Mississippi residents.

229 After the Mississippi Burn Center established at the  
230 University of Mississippi Medical Center under Section 1 of this

231 act is operational, the Board of Health shall revise the plan to  
232 include the Mississippi Burn Center.

233           **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
234 and after July 1, 2008.