

By: Representative Holland

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 573

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-15-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 EXEMPT FROM THE NURSING PRACTICE LAW THE PRACTICE OF CHRISTIAN
3 SCIENCE NURSING BY A CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSE; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-15-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 73-15-7. The following shall be excepted from the provisions
9 of this article:

10 (a) Gratuitous nursing by friends and members of the
11 family.

12 (b) The furnishing of nursing assistance in an
13 emergency.

14 (c) The practice of nursing which is incidental to a
15 program of study by a student enrolled in an approved educational
16 program of nursing, provided the practice is under the supervision
17 of a registered nurse.

18 (d) The practice of nursing by a graduate of an
19 approved educational program of nursing pending the results of the
20 first licensing examination scheduled by the board following such
21 graduation, provided the practice is under the supervision of a
22 registered nurse or a licensed physician if the nurse is
23 practicing in a physician's office and the graduate holds a
24 temporary permit to practice nursing in Mississippi.

25 (e) The practice of nursing by any legally qualified
26 nurse of another state who is employed by the United States
27 government or any bureau, division or agency thereof while in the
28 discharge of his or her official duties.

29 (f) The practice of nursing by a registered nurse or a
30 licensed practical nurse for a period of not more than ninety (90)
31 days pending licensure in Mississippi, provided the nurse upon
32 employment has furnished the employer with satisfactory evidence
33 of current registration and licensure in another state, and
34 provided such nurse furnishes evidence to the prospective employer
35 of having submitted proper application and fees to the board prior
36 to employment and holds a temporary permit to practice nursing in
37 Mississippi.

38 (g) The furnishing of nursing assistance by any duly
39 qualified auxiliary personnel employed by state mental health
40 facilities until December 31, 1983.

41 (h) Any registered nurse or licensed practical nurse
42 for nursing duties performed in a physician's office under the
43 direction and supervision of a licensed physician; provided,
44 however, that said registered nurse or licensed practical nurse
45 shall otherwise comply with the other provisions of this article.

46 (i) The infliction of the punishment of death pursuant
47 to Section 99-19-51.

48 (j) The practice of Christian Science nursing by a
49 Christian Science nurse, who may only refer to himself or herself
50 as a "Christian Science nurse."

51 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
52 and after July 1, 2007.