

By: Senator(s) Nunnelee

To: Public Health and Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2592

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-85-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 INCREASE FEES CHARGED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR
3 HOSPICE LICENSURE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-85-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 41-85-7. The administration of this chapter is vested in the
8 Mississippi Department of Health, which shall:

9 (a) Prepare and furnish all forms necessary under the
10 provisions of this chapter in relation to applications for
11 licensure or renewals thereof;

12 (b) Collect in advance at the time of filing an
13 application for a license or at the time of renewal of a license a
14 fee of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00);

15 (i) A fee of Eighteen Dollars (\$18.00) per bed
16 shall be levied for the review of inpatient hospice care;

17 (ii) A fee to be determined by the Department
18 shall be levied for the review of inpatient hospice care plans by
19 the department for proposed inpatient hospice care;

20 (c) Conduct annual licensure inspections of all
21 licensees which may be the same inspection as the annual Medicare
22 certification inspection; and

23 (d) Promulgate applicable rules and standards in
24 furtherance of the purpose of this chapter and may amend such
25 rules as may be necessary. The rules shall include, but not be
26 limited to, the following:

- 27 (i) The qualifications of professional and
28 ancillary personnel in order to adequately furnish hospice care;
29 (ii) Standards for the organization and quality of
30 patient care;
31 (iii) Procedures for maintaining records; and
32 (iv) Provision for the inpatient component of
33 hospice care and for other professional and ancillary hospice
34 services.

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