

By: Senator(s) Dawkins

To: Public Health and Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2983

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO DEVELOP  
2 AND MAKE A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE ON THE USE  
3 OF FEES, PENALTIES AND FINES COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT FROM  
4 REGULATED ENTITIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The State Board of Health is hereby authorized  
7 and directed, not later than October 15, 2007, to develop and make  
8 a report to the Chairmen of the Public Health and Welfare  
9 Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the  
10 Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
11 and the Governor, including any recommended legislation, on the  
12 following:

13 (a) A schedule of fees, penalties and civil fines  
14 authorized to be charged for violations of state or federal law or  
15 regulation by the State Department of Health from all persons,  
16 businesses and other legal entities licensed, inspected or  
17 otherwise regulated by the State Department of Health;

18 (b) The amount of funds generated by all such fees,  
19 penalties and civil fines authorized to be charged by the State  
20 Department of Health, including the state fund balances from such  
21 fees, penalties and fines;

22 (c) The state allocations and use of all such fees,  
23 penalties and civil fines authorized to be charged by the State  
24 Department of Health, a description of all programs funded by such  
25 fees, penalties and fines and a description of the process of  
26 allocating such funds;

27 (d) An evaluation and documented outcome of each  
28 program or project funded by such fees, penalties and civil fines;

29           (e) A description of any public information which is  
30 available or should be made available to stakeholders regarding  
31 the use and availability of funds from fees, penalties and civil  
32 fines authorized to be charged by the State Department of Health;  
33 and

34           (f) Recommendations to better utilize fees, penalties  
35 and civil fines as a resource for improving the quality of  
36 services provided by the State Department of Health.

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