

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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MR. SPEAKER AND MADAM PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 567: Mississippi Burn Center; establish at UMMC.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

25 **SECTION 1.** (1) The University of Mississippi Medical Center
26 shall establish a separate unit at the medical center for the
27 treatment of burn victims, which shall be known as the Mississippi
28 Burn Center. The opening and operation of the Mississippi Burn
29 Center shall be conditioned upon the Board of Trustees of State
30 Institutions of Higher Learning making a written determination,
31 spread upon their minutes, that adequate funds are available from
32 public and/or private sources for the annual operating cost of the
33 facility.

34 (2) The Legislature may appropriate funds for the
35 construction of the Mississippi Burn Center, and may appropriate
36 sufficient funds annually to the University of Mississippi Medical
37 Center for the operation of the Mississippi Burn Center.

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

40 7-9-70. (1) There is * * * created and established in the
41 State Treasury a special trust fund to be known as the
42 "Mississippi Fire Fighters Memorial Burn Center Fund." There
43 shall be deposited in such fund (a) all such fees as the State
44 Treasurer is directed to deposit therein under subsection (4) of
45 Section 27-19-56.1, under subsection (4) of Section 27-19-56.2 and
46 under subsection (5)(b) of Section 27-19-56.4; and (b) any gift,

47 donation, bequest, trust, grant, endowment, transfer of money or
48 securities or any other monies from any source whatsoever as may
49 be designated for deposit in the fund.

50 (2) The principal of the trust fund created under subsection
51 (1) of this section shall remain inviolate and shall be invested
52 as provided by law. Interest and income derived from investment
53 of the principal of the trust fund may be appropriated by the
54 Legislature and expended exclusively for the support and
55 maintenance of the Mississippi Fire Fighters Memorial Burn Center.

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

79 act is operational, any appropriation of funds from the
80 Mississippi Burn Care Fund shall be to the University of
81 Mississippi Medical Center for the operation of the Mississippi
82 Burn Center. The Mississippi Burn Care Fund shall be authorized
83 to accept gifts, donations, bequests, appropriations or other
84 grants from any source, governmental or private, for deposit into
85 the fund. The Department of Health, or the University of
86 Mississippi Medical Center after the Mississippi Burn Center is
87 operational, shall be the agency responsible for receiving any
88 such gifts, donations, bequests, appropriations or grants and
89 shall deposit such to the Mississippi Burn Care Fund.

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

92 21-19-58. The board of supervisors of any county, and the
93 governing authorities of any municipality in the state, are * * *
94 authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to make
95 contributions to the Mississippi Department of Health, or the
96 University of Mississippi Medical Center after the Mississippi
97 Burn Center is operational, for deposit to the Mississippi Burn
98 Care Fund from the general fund or federal revenue sharing funds
99 of such county or municipality wherein such funds may be
100 available.

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

103 27-7-88. (1) Each resident individual taxpayer who files a
104 Mississippi income tax return and who will receive a tax refund
105 from the State Tax Commission may designate that a contribution be
106 made to the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created in Section 7-9-70,
107 by marking the appropriate box printed on the return under this
108 subsection. In the case of a joint return, each spouse may
109 designate that a portion of the refund shall be paid to the fund.

110 The State Tax Commission shall print on the Mississippi
111 income tax form for residents a space for designating the
112 contribution in substantially the following form:

113 "MISSISSIPPI BURN CARE FUND

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

116 (2) Each resident individual taxpayer who files a
117 Mississippi income tax return, whether or not the individual will
118 receive a tax refund from the State Tax Commission, may choose to
119 make a contribution to the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created in
120 Section 7-9-70 at the time of filing his or her tax return, by
121 marking the appropriate box printed on the return under this
122 subsection and paying the amount of the contribution to the State
123 Tax Commission when filing the tax return. The contribution
124 authorized to be made under this subsection shall be in addition
125 to any income tax liability that the individual pays when filing
126 the tax return or in addition to the amount of the individual's
127 tax refund that is designated as a contribution to the fund under
128 subsection (1) of this section. In the case of a joint return,
129 each spouse may make a contribution to the fund under this
130 subsection.

131 The State Tax Commission shall print on the Mississippi
132 income tax form for residents a space for indicating the amount of
133 the contribution in substantially the following form:

134 "MISSISSIPPI BURN CARE FUND

135 I wish to contribute ()\$1 ()\$5 ()\$10 ()Other \$____ to
136 the MISSISSIPPI BURN CARE FUND," in addition to the payment of my
137 income tax liability or in addition to the amount of my tax refund
138 that I designated as a contribution to the fund."

139 (3) The State Tax Commission shall explain in the
140 instructions accompanying the individual income tax form the

141 purposes for which the contributions authorized in subsections (1)
142 and (2) of this section shall be used.

143 (4) Subsection (1) of this section shall apply to taxable
144 years beginning on or after January 1, 2001, and subsection (2) of
145 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning on or after
146 January 1, 2007.

147 (5) The Chairman of the State Tax Commission shall determine
148 annually the total amount designated * * * to be paid to the fund
149 under subsection (1) of this section, along with all interest
150 earned thereon, and the total amount contributed to the fund under
151 subsection (2) of this section, and shall report the total amounts
152 to the State Treasurer, who shall pay those amounts into the
153 Mississippi Burn Care Fund.

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

156 27-19-44.3. The Mississippi Department of Health, or the
157 University of Mississippi Medical Center after the Mississippi
158 Burn Center is operational, shall file an annual report with the
159 Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of
160 Representatives not later than January 10 of each year, describing
161 the expenditure of funds appropriated to it from the Mississippi
162 Burn Care Fund received from fees collected from the issuance of
163 distinctive or special license tags under this chapter.

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

166 27-39-331. The board of supervisors of any county is * * *
167 authorized and empowered, in its discretion, to set aside,
168 appropriate and expend monies from the general fund to the
169 Mississippi Department of Health, or the University of Mississippi
170 Medical Center after the Mississippi Burn Center is operational,
171 for deposit to the Mississippi Burn Care Fund.

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

174 27-39-332. The board of supervisors of any county is * * *
175 authorized and empowered, in its discretion, to levy a tax not to
176 exceed one (1) mill per annum upon all taxable property of the
177 county, which shall be provided directly to the Mississippi
178 Department of Health, or the University of Mississippi Medical
179 Center after the Mississippi Burn Center is operational, to
180 support the Mississippi Burn Care Fund.

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

183 41-59-5. (1) The State Board of Health shall establish and
184 maintain a program for the improvement and regulation of emergency
185 medical services (hereinafter EMS) in the State of Mississippi.
186 The responsibility for implementation and conduct of this program
187 shall be vested in the State Health Officer of the State Board of
188 Health along with such other officers and boards as may be
189 specified by law or regulation.

190 (2) The board shall provide for the regulation and licensing
191 of public and private ambulance service, inspection and issuance
192 of permits for ambulance vehicles, training and certification of
193 EMS personnel, including drivers and attendants, the development
194 and maintenance of a statewide EMS records program, development
195 and adoption of EMS regulations, the coordination of an EMS
196 communications system, and other related EMS activities.

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

200 (4) The board is authorized to receive any funds
201 appropriated to the board from the Emergency Medical Services
202 Operating Fund created in Section 41-59-61 and is further
203 authorized, with the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

204 acting in an advisory capacity, to administer the disbursement of
205 such funds to the counties, municipalities and organized emergency
206 medical service districts and the utilization of such funds by the
207 same, as provided in Section 41-59-61.

208 (5) The department acting as the lead agency, in
209 consultation with and having solicited advice from the EMS
210 Advisory Council, shall develop a uniform nonfragmented inclusive
211 statewide trauma care system that provides excellent patient care.
212 It is the intent of the Legislature that the purpose of this
213 system is to reduce death and disability resulting from traumatic
214 injury, and in order to accomplish this goal it is necessary to
215 assign additional responsibilities to the department. The
216 department is assigned the responsibility for creating,
217 implementing and managing the statewide trauma care system. The
218 department shall be designated as the lead agency for trauma care
219 systems development. The department shall develop and administer
220 trauma regulations that include, but are not limited to, the
221 Mississippi Trauma Care System Plan, trauma system standards,
222 trauma center designations, field triage, interfacility trauma
223 transfer, EMS aero medical transportation, trauma data collection,
224 trauma care system evaluation and management of state trauma
225 systems funding. The department shall take the necessary steps to
226 develop, adopt and implement the Mississippi Trauma Care System
227 Plan and all associated trauma care system regulations necessary
228 to implement the Mississippi trauma care system. The department
229 shall cause the implementation of both professional and lay trauma
230 education programs. These trauma educational programs shall
231 include both clinical trauma education and injury prevention. As
232 it is recognized that rehabilitation services are essential for
233 traumatized individuals to be returned to active, productive
234 lives, the department shall coordinate the development of the
235 inclusive trauma system with the Mississippi Department of

236 Rehabilitation Services and all other appropriate rehabilitation
237 systems.

238 (6) The State Board of Health is authorized to receive any
239 funds appropriated to the board from the Mississippi Trauma Care
240 System Fund created in Section 41-59-75. It is further
241 authorized, with the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council
242 and the Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee acting in advisory
243 capacities, to administer the disbursements of such funds
244 according to adopted trauma care system regulations.

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

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

252 (b) Until the Mississippi Burn Center established at
253 the University of Mississippi Medical Center under Section 1 of
254 this act is operational, procedures for allocating funds
255 appropriated from the Mississippi Burn Care Fund to hospitals that
256 provide services to Mississippi burn victims; and

257 (c) Such other provisions necessary to provide burn
258 care for Mississippi residents.

259 After the Mississippi Burn Center established at the
260 University of Mississippi Medical Center under Section 1 of this
261 act is operational, the Board of Health shall revise the plan to
262 include the Mississippi Burn Center.

263 **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
264 and after July 1, 2007.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL
2 CENTER SHALL ESTABLISH A SEPARATE UNIT AT THE MEDICAL CENTER FOR
3 THE TREATMENT OF BURN VICTIMS, WHICH SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE
4 MISSISSIPPI BURN CENTER; TO PROVIDE THAT THE OPENING OF THE
5 MISSISSIPPI BURN CENTER SHALL BE CONDITIONED UPON THE BOARD OF
6 TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING MAKING A WRITTEN
7 DETERMINATION THAT THE COST OF SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE FROM PUBLIC
8 AND/OR PRIVATE FUNDS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 7-9-70, 21-19-58,
9 27-19-44.3, 27-39-331 AND 27-39-332, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
10 PROVIDE THAT APPROPRIATIONS FROM AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
11 MISSISSIPPI BURN CARE FUND SHALL BE MADE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF
12 MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER INSTEAD OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
13 HEALTH AFTER THE MISSISSIPPI BURN CENTER IS OPERATIONAL; TO AMEND
14 SECTION 27-7-88, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE
15 INDIVIDUALS WHO FILE A MISSISSIPPI INCOME TAX RETURN TO MAKE A
16 CONTRIBUTION TO THE BURN CARE FUND AT THE TIME OF FILING THEIR TAX
17 RETURN, IN ADDITION TO ANY INCOME TAX LIABILITY THAT THEY PAY WHEN
18 FILING THE TAX RETURN OR IN ADDITION TO THE AMOUNT OF THEIR TAX
19 REFUND THAT THEY DESIGNATE AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUND; TO AMEND
20 SECTION 41-59-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE AUTHORITY
21 OF THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH REGARDING A PLAN FOR THE DELIVERY OF
22 SERVICES TO MISSISSIPPI BURN VICTIMS THROUGH THE EXISTING TRAUMA
23 CARE SYSTEM OF HOSPITALS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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