

**Adopted  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**Senate Bill No. 2671**

**BY: Committee**

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

7           **SECTION 1.** Section 73-15-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9           73-15-27. The license of every person licensed under the  
10 provisions of this chapter shall be renewed biennially except as  
11 hereinafter provided:

12                   (a) Registered nurses:

13                           (i) The license to practice as a registered nurse  
14 shall be valid for two (2) calendar years, beginning January 1 of  
15 each uneven-numbered year and expiring December 31 in each  
16 even-numbered year of the biennial period and subject to renewal  
17 for each period of two (2) years thereafter.

18                           (ii) A notice for renewal of licensure will be  
19 mailed by the board on or before November 1 of the year the  
20 license expires to every person to whom a license was issued or  
21 renewed during the biennial period. An application shall be  
22 completed and returned to the board by December 31 of that year  
23 with the biennial renewal fee to be set at the discretion of the  
24 board, but not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

25                   (iii) Upon receipt of the application and fee, the  
26 board shall verify the accuracy of the application and issue to  
27 the applicant a certificate of renewal for the ensuing period of  
28 two (2) years. Such renewal shall render the holder thereof the  
29 right to practice as a registered nurse.

30                   (iv) A registered nurse may request in writing to  
31 the board that his or her license be placed on inactive status.  
32 The board may grant such request and shall have authority, in its  
33 discretion, to attach conditions to the licensure of such  
34 registered nurse while on inactive status. A biennial renewal fee  
35 for inactive registered nurses shall be set at the discretion of  
36 the board, not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

37                   (v) Any registered nurse applying for a license,  
38 renewal of an active license, reinstatement of a lapsed license,  
39 or change from inactive to active status may be required to  
40 provide evidence of continuing basic nursing competencies when  
41 such nurse has not practiced nursing for compensation or performed  
42 the function of a registered nurse in a voluntary capacity with or  
43 without compensation within the five-year period immediately prior  
44 to such application for a license, renewal, reinstatement or  
45 change of status.

46                   (vi) Any registered nurse who permits his or her  
47 license to lapse by failing to renew the license as provided above  
48 may be reinstated by the board on satisfactory explanation for  
49 such failure to renew his or her license, by compliance with all  
50 other applicable provisions of this chapter, by completion of a  
51 reinstatement form, and upon payment of a reinstatement fee not to  
52 exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), which shall not  
53 include the renewal fee for the current biennial period. Any  
54 registered nurse who permits his or her license to lapse shall be  
55 notified by the board within fifteen (15) days of such lapse.

56                   (vii) Any person practicing as a registered nurse  
57 during the time his or her license has lapsed shall be considered  
58 in violation of this chapter and shall be subject to the penalties  
59 provided for violation of this chapter, provided the registered  
60 nurse has not submitted the required reinstatement form and fees  
61 within fifteen (15) days after notification by the board of such  
62 lapse.

63                   (b) Licensed practical nurses:

64                   (i) The license to practice as a licensed  
65 practical nurse shall be valid for two (2) calendar years,  
66 beginning January 1 of each even-numbered year and expiring  
67 December 31 in each uneven-numbered year of the biennial period  
68 and subject to renewal for each period of two (2) years  
69 thereafter.

70                   (ii) A notice for renewal of licensure will be  
71 mailed by the board on or before November 1 of the year the  
72 license expires to every person to whom a license was issued or  
73 renewed during the biennial period. An application shall be  
74 completed and returned to the board by December 31 of that year  
75 with the biennial renewal fee to be set at the discretion of the  
76 board, but not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

77                   (iii) Upon receipt of the application and fee, the  
78 board shall verify the accuracy of the application and issue to  
79 the applicant a certificate of renewal for the ensuing period of  
80 two (2) years. Such renewal shall render the holder thereof the  
81 right to practice as a licensed practical nurse.

82                   (iv) A licensed practical nurse may request in  
83 writing to the board that his or her license be placed on inactive  
84 status. The board may grant such request and shall have  
85 authority, in its discretion, to attach conditions to the  
86 licensure of such licensed practical nurse while on inactive  
87 status. A biennial renewal fee for inactive licensed practical

88 nurses shall be set at the discretion of the board, not to exceed  
89 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

90 (v) Any licensed practical nurse applying for a  
91 license, renewal of an active license, reinstatement of a lapsed  
92 license, or change from inactive to active status may be required  
93 to provide evidence of continuing basic nursing competencies when  
94 such nurse has not practiced nursing for compensation or performed  
95 the function of a licensed practical nurse in a voluntary capacity  
96 with or without compensation within the five-year period  
97 immediately prior to such application for a license, renewal,  
98 reinstatement or change of status.

99 (vi) Any licensed practical nurse who permits his  
100 or her license to lapse by failing to renew the license as  
101 provided above may be reinstated by the board upon satisfactory  
102 explanation for such failure to renew his or her license, by  
103 compliance with all other applicable provisions of this chapter,  
104 by completion of a reinstatement form, and upon payment of the  
105 reinstatement fee not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars  
106 (\$250.00), which shall not include the renewal fee for the current  
107 biennial period. Any licensed practical nurse who permits his or  
108 her license to lapse shall be notified by the board within fifteen  
109 (15) days of such lapse.

110 (vii) Any person practicing as a licensed  
111 practical nurse during the time his or her license has lapsed  
112 shall be considered an illegal practitioner and shall be subject  
113 to the penalties provided for violation of this chapter, provided  
114 the licensed practical nurse has not submitted the required  
115 reinstatement form and fees within fifteen (15) days after  
116 notification by the board of such lapse.

117 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
118 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 AMEND SECTION 73-15-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF THE FEES THAT THE MISSISSIPPI  
3 BOARD OF NURSING MAY CHARGE FOR LICENSE RENEWAL AND LICENSE  
4 REINSTATEMENT UNDER THE NURSING PRACTICE LAW; AND FOR RELATED  
5 PURPOSES.