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To: Public Health and Welfare

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2102

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 41-21-67, 41-21-69, 41-21-71,
2 41-21-77, 41-21-79, 41-21-103, 41-30-27 AND 41-31-5, MISSISSIPPI
3 CODE OF 1972, TO EXPAND THE TYPES OF PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE
4 AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT SCREENINGS, EXAMINATIONS AND EVALUATIONS IN
5 COMMITMENT PROCEEDINGS TO INCLUDE LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL
6 WORKERS AND LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS; AND FOR RELATED
7 PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-21-67, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 41-21-67. (1) Whenever the affidavit provided for in
12 Section 41-21-65 is filed with the chancery clerk, the clerk, upon
13 direction of the chancellor of the court, shall issue a writ
14 directed to the sheriff of the proper county to take into custody
15 the person alleged to be in need of treatment and to bring the
16 person before the clerk or chancellor, who shall order
17 pre-evaluation screening and treatment by the appropriate
18 community mental health center established under Section 41-19-31.
19 The community mental health center will be designated as the first
20 point of entry for screening and treatment. If the community



21 mental health center is unavailable, any reputable licensed
22 physician, psychologist, nurse practitioner * * *, physician
23 assistant, licensed certified social worker, or licensed
24 professional counselor as allowed in the discretion of the court,
25 may conduct the pre-evaluation screening and examination as set
26 forth in Section 41-21-69. The order may provide where the person
27 shall be held before the appearance before the clerk or
28 chancellor. However, when the affidavit fails to set forth
29 factual allegations and witnesses sufficient to support the need
30 for treatment, the chancellor shall refuse to direct issuance of
31 the writ. Reapplication may be made to the chancellor. If a
32 pauper's affidavit is filed by a guardian for commitment of the
33 ward of the guardian, the court shall determine if the ward is a
34 pauper and if the ward is determined to be a pauper, the county of
35 the residence of the respondent shall bear the costs of
36 commitment, unless funds for those purposes are made available by
37 the state.

38 In any county in which a Crisis Intervention Team has been
39 established under the provisions of Sections 41-21-131 through
40 41-21-143, the clerk, upon the direction of the chancellor, may
41 require that the person be referred to the Crisis Intervention
42 Team for appropriate psychiatric or other medical services before
43 the issuance of the writ.

44 (2) Upon issuance of the writ, the chancellor shall
45 immediately appoint and summon either:



46 (a) Two (2) * * * licensed physicians; or
47 (b) Two (2) licensed nurse practitioners; or
48 (c) One (1) * * * licensed physician and * * * one (1)

49 licensed nurse practitioner, psychologist, * * * physician
50 assistant, licensed certified social worker, or licensed
51 professional counselor; or

52 (d) One (1) licensed nurse practitioner and one (1)
53 psychologist, physician assistant, licensed certified social
54 worker, or licensed professional counselor,

55 to conduct a physical and mental examination of the person at a
56 place to be designated by the clerk or chancellor and to report
57 their findings to the clerk or chancellor. However, any nurse
58 practitioner or physician assistant conducting the examination
59 shall be independent from, and not under the supervision of, the
60 other physician conducting the examination. In all counties in
61 which there is a county health officer, the county health officer,
62 if available, may be one (1) of the physicians so appointed. * * *
63 The physician(s), * * * nurse practitioner(s), * * * psychologist,
64 physician assistant, licensed certified social worker, or licensed
65 professional counselor selected shall be related to that person in
66 any way, nor have any direct or indirect interest in the estate of
67 that person nor shall any full-time staff of residential treatment
68 facilities operated directly by the State Department of Mental
69 Health serve as examiner.



70 (3) The clerk shall ascertain whether the respondent is
71 represented by an attorney, and if it is determined that the
72 respondent does not have an attorney, the clerk shall immediately
73 notify the chancellor of that fact. If the chancellor determines
74 that the respondent for any reason does not have the services of
75 an attorney, the chancellor shall immediately appoint an attorney
76 for the respondent at the time the examiners are appointed.

77 (4) If the chancellor determines that there is probable
78 cause to believe that the respondent is mentally ill and that
79 there is no reasonable alternative to detention, the chancellor
80 may order that the respondent be retained as an emergency patient
81 at any licensed medical facility for evaluation by a physician,
82 nurse practitioner * * *, physician assistant, licensed certified
83 social worker, or licensed professional counselor and that a peace
84 officer transport the respondent to the specified facility. If
85 the community mental health center serving the county has
86 partnered with Crisis Intervention Teams under the provisions of
87 Sections 41-21-131 through 41-21-143, the order may specify that
88 the licensed medical facility be a designated single point of
89 entry within the county or within an adjacent county served by the
90 community mental health center. If the person evaluating the
91 respondent finds that the respondent is mentally ill and in need
92 of treatment, the chancellor may order that the respondent be
93 retained at the licensed medical facility or any other available
94 suitable location as the court may so designate pending an



95 admission hearing. If necessary, the chancellor may order a peace
96 officer or other person to transport the respondent to that
97 facility or suitable location. Any respondent so retained may be
98 given such treatment as is indicated by standard medical practice.
99 However, the respondent shall not be held in a hospital operated
100 directly by the State Department of Mental Health, and shall not
101 be held in jail unless the court finds that there is no reasonable
102 alternative.

103 (5) (a) Whenever a licensed physician, nurse
104 practitioner * * *, psychologist, physician assistant, licensed
105 certified social worker, or licensed professional counselor who is
106 certified to complete examinations for the purpose of
107 commitment * * * has reason to believe that a person poses an
108 immediate substantial likelihood of physical harm to himself or
109 others or is gravely disabled and unable to care for himself by
110 virtue of mental illness, as defined in Section 41-21-61(e), then
111 the physician, * * * or other designated professional, * * * may
112 hold the person or may admit the person to and treat the person in
113 a licensed medical facility, without a civil order or warrant for
114 a period not to exceed seventy-two (72) hours. However, if the
115 seventy-two-hour period begins or ends when the chancery clerk's
116 office is closed, or within three (3) hours of closing, and the
117 chancery clerk's office will be continuously closed for a time
118 that exceeds seventy-two (72) hours, then the seventy-two-hour
119 period is extended until the end of the next business day that the



120 chancery clerk's office is open. The person may be held and
121 treated as an emergency patient at any licensed medical facility,
122 available regional mental health facility, or crisis intervention
123 center. The physician * * * , or other designated professional
124 who holds the person shall certify in writing the reasons for the
125 need for holding.

126 If a person is being held and treated in a licensed medical
127 facility, and that person decides to continue treatment by
128 voluntarily signing consent for admission and treatment, the
129 seventy-two-hour hold may be discontinued without filing an
130 affidavit for commitment. Any respondent so held may be given
131 such treatment as indicated by standard medical practice. Persons
132 acting in good faith in connection with the detention and
133 reporting of a person believed to be mentally ill shall incur no
134 liability, civil or criminal, for those acts.

135 (b) Whenever an individual is held for purposes of
136 receiving treatment as prescribed under paragraph (a) of this
137 subsection, and it is communicated to the mental health
138 professional holding the individual that the individual resides or
139 has visitation rights with a minor child, and if the individual is
140 considered to be a danger to the minor child, the mental health
141 professional shall notify the Department of Human Services prior
142 to discharge if the threat of harm continues to exist, as is
143 required under Section 43-21-353.



144 This paragraph shall be known and may be cited as the "Andrew
145 Lloyd Law."

146 **SECTION 2.** Section 41-21-69, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
147 amended as follows:

148 41-21-69. (1) (a) The physician(s), * * * nurse
149 practitioner(s), * * * psychologist, * * * physician assistant,
150 licensed certified social worker, or licensed professional
151 counselor so appointed shall immediately make a full inquiry into
152 the condition of the person alleged to be in need of treatment and
153 shall make a mental examination and physical evaluation of the
154 person, and shall make a report and certificate of their findings
155 of all mental and acute physical problems to the clerk of the
156 court. The report and certificate shall set forth the facts as
157 found by the * * * physician or other designated professional, and
158 shall state whether or not the examiner is of the opinion that the
159 proposed patient is suffering a disability defined in Sections
160 41-21-61 through 41-21-107 and should be committed to a treatment
161 facility. The statement shall include the reasons for that
162 opinion. The examination may be based upon a history provided by
163 the patient and the report and certificate of findings shall
164 include an identification of all mental and physical problems
165 identified by the examination.

166 (b) If the physician(s), * * * nurse practitioner(s),
167 psychologist, * * * physician assistant, licensed certified social
168 worker, or licensed professional counselor so appointed finds:



169 (i) the respondent has mental illness; (ii) the respondent is
170 capable of surviving safely in the community with available
171 supervision from family, friends or others; (iii) based on the
172 respondent's treatment history and other applicable medical or
173 psychiatric indicia, the respondent is in need of treatment in
174 order to prevent further disability or deterioration that would
175 result in significant deterioration in the ability to carry out
176 activities of daily living; and (iv) his or her current mental
177 status or the nature of his or her illness limits or negates his
178 or her ability to make an informed decision to seek voluntarily or
179 comply with recommended treatment; the physician * * * or other
180 designated professional so appointed shall so show on the
181 examination report and certification and shall recommend
182 outpatient commitment. The examining physician or other
183 designated professional shall also show the name, address and
184 telephone number at the proposed outpatient treatment physician or
185 facility.

186 (2) The examinations shall be conducted and concluded within
187 forty-eight (48) hours after the order for examination and
188 appointment of attorney, and the certificates of the
189 physician * * * shall be filed with the clerk of the court within
190 that time, unless the running of that period extends into
191 nonbusiness hours, in which event the certificate shall be filed
192 at the beginning of the next business day. However, if the
193 examining physician or other designated professional is of the



194 opinion that additional time to complete the examination is
195 necessary, and this fact is communicated to the chancery clerk or
196 chancellor, the clerk or chancellor shall have authority to extend
197 the time for completion of the examination and the filing of the
198 certificate, the extension to be not more than eight (8) hours.

199 (3) At the beginning of the examination, the respondent
200 shall be told in plain language of the purpose of the examination,
201 the possible consequences of the examination, of his or her right
202 to refuse to answer any questions, and his or her right to have
203 his or her attorney present.

204 **SECTION 3.** Section 41-21-71, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
205 amended as follows:

206 41-21-71. If, as a result of the examination, the examiners
207 certify that the person is not in need of treatment, the
208 chancellor or clerk shall dismiss the affidavit without the need
209 for a further hearing. If the chancellor or chancery clerk finds,
210 based upon the certificate of the physician(s), * * * nurse
211 practitioner(s), psychologist, * * * physician * * * assistant,
212 licensed certified social worker, or licensed professional
213 counselor and any other relevant evidence, that the respondent is
214 in need of treatment and that certificate is filed with the
215 chancery clerk within forty-eight (48) hours after the order for
216 examination, or extension of that time as provided in Section
217 41-21-69, the clerk shall immediately set the matter for a
218 hearing. The hearing shall be set within seven (7) days of the



219 filing of the certificate unless an extension is requested by the
220 respondent's attorney. In no event shall the hearing be more than
221 ten (10) days after the filing of the certificate.

222 **SECTION 4.** Section 41-21-77, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
223 amended as follows:

224 41-21-77. If admission is ordered at a treatment facility,
225 the sheriff, his or her deputy or any other person appointed or
226 authorized by the court shall immediately deliver the respondent
227 to the director of the appropriate facility. Neither the Board of
228 Mental Health or its members, nor the Department of Mental Health
229 or its related facilities, nor any employee of the Department of
230 Mental Health or its related facilities, shall be appointed,
231 authorized or ordered to deliver the respondent for treatment, and
232 no person shall be so delivered or admitted until the director of
233 the admitting institution determines that facilities and services
234 are available. Persons who have been ordered committed and are
235 awaiting admission may be given any such treatment in the facility
236 by a licensed physician as is indicated by standard medical
237 practice. Any county facility used for providing housing,
238 maintenance and medical treatment for involuntarily committed
239 persons pending their transportation and admission to a state
240 treatment facility shall be certified by the State Department of
241 Mental Health under the provisions of Section 41-4-7(kk). No
242 person shall be delivered or admitted to any non-Department of
243 Mental Health treatment facility unless the treatment facility is



244 licensed and/or certified to provide the appropriate level of
245 psychiatric care for persons with mental illness. It is the
246 intent of this Legislature that county-owned hospitals work with
247 regional community mental health/intellectual disability centers
248 in providing care to local patients. The clerk shall provide the
249 director of the admitting institution with a certified copy of the
250 court order, a certified copy of the certificate of the
251 physician(s), * * * nurse practitioner(s), psychologist, physician
252 assistant, licensed certified social worker, or licensed
253 professional counselor, a certified copy of the affidavit, and any
254 other information available concerning the physical and mental
255 condition of the respondent. Upon notification from the United
256 States Veterans Administration or other agency of the United
257 States government, that facilities are available and the
258 respondent is eligible for care and treatment in those facilities,
259 the court may enter an order for delivery of the respondent to or
260 retention by the Veterans Administration or other agency of the
261 United States government, and, in those cases the chief officer to
262 whom the respondent is so delivered or by whom he is retained
263 shall, with respect to the respondent, be vested with the same
264 powers as the director of the Mississippi State Hospital at
265 Whitfield, or the East Mississippi State Hospital at Meridian,
266 with respect to retention and discharge of the respondent.

267 **SECTION 5.** Section 41-21-79, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
268 amended as follows:



269 41-21-79. The costs incidental to the court proceedings
270 including, but not limited to, court costs, prehearing
271 hospitalization costs, cost of transportation, reasonable
272 physician's, psychologist's, nurse practitioner's * * *, physician
273 assistant's, licensed certified social worker's, or licensed
274 professional counselor's fees set by the court, and reasonable
275 attorney's fees set by the court, shall be paid out of the funds
276 of the county of residence of the respondent in those instances
277 where the patient is indigent unless funds for those purposes are
278 made available by the state. However, if the respondent is not
279 indigent, those costs shall be taxed against the respondent or his
280 or her estate. The total amount that may be charged for all of
281 the costs incidental to the court proceedings shall not exceed
282 Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00).

283 **SECTION 6.** Section 41-21-103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
284 amended as follows:

285 41-21-103. (1) Unless he or she has a legal guardian or
286 conservator, a married person or a person eighteen (18) years of
287 age or older may be admitted to a treatment facility as a
288 voluntary admittee for treatment, provided that the director deems
289 the person suitable for admission, upon the filing of an
290 application with the director, accompanied by certificates of
291 either:

292 (a) Two (2) licensed physicians; or

293 (b) Two (2) licensed nurse practitioners; or



294 (c) * * * One (1) licensed physician and * * * one (1)
295 licensed nurse practitioner, psychologist or * * * physician
296 assistant, licensed certified social worker, or licensed
297 professional counselor; or

298 (d) One (1) licensed nurse practitioner and one (1)
299 psychologist, physician assistant, licensed certified social
300 worker, or licensed professional counselor,
301 who certify that they examined the person within the last five (5)
302 days and that the person is in need of observation, diagnosis and
303 treatment. The director may accept applications from the person
304 seeking admission or any interested person with the applicant's
305 written consent.

306 (2) A person with an intellectual disability who is under
307 the age of eighteen (18) years and who is not married may be
308 admitted to a treatment facility upon application of his or her
309 parent or legal guardian if the following has occurred:

310 (a) An investigation by the director that carefully
311 probes the person's social, psychological and developmental
312 background; and

313 (b) A determination by the director that the person
314 will benefit from care and treatment of his or her disorder at the
315 facility and that services and facilities are available. The
316 reasons for the determination shall be recorded in writing.

317 (3) A person with an intellectual disability or with mental
318 illness who is married or eighteen (18) years of age or older and



319 who has a legal guardian or conservator may be admitted to a
320 treatment facility upon application of his or her legal guardian
321 or conservator if authorization to make the application has been
322 received from the court having jurisdiction of the guardianship or
323 conservatorship and the following has occurred:

324 (a) An investigation by the director that carefully
325 probes the person's social, psychological and developmental
326 background; and

327 (b) A determination by the director that the person
328 will benefit from care and treatment of his or her disorder at the
329 facility and that services and facilities are available. The
330 reasons for the determination shall be recorded in writing.

331 (4) A person with mental illness who is under the age of
332 fourteen (14) years may be admitted to a treatment facility upon
333 the application of his or her parent or legal guardian if the
334 following has occurred:

335 (a) An investigation by the director that carefully
336 probes the person's social, psychological and developmental
337 background; and

338 (b) A determination by the director that the person
339 will benefit from care and treatment of his or her disorder at the
340 facility and that services and facilities are available. The
341 reasons for the determination shall be recorded in writing.

342 (5) A person with mental illness who is fourteen (14) years
343 of age or older but less than eighteen (18) years of age may be



344 admitted to a treatment facility in the same manner as an adult
345 may be involuntarily committed.

346 (6) Any voluntary admittee may leave a treatment facility
347 after five (5) days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays,
348 after he or she gives any member of the treatment facility staff
349 written notice of his or her desire to leave, unless before
350 leaving, the patient withdraws the notice by written withdrawal or
351 unless within those five (5) days a petition and the certificates
352 of either:

353 (a) Two (2) * * * licensed physicians * * * ; or

354 (b) Two (2) licensed nurse practitioners; or

355 (c) One (1) * * * licensed physician and one (1)
356 licensed nurse practitioner, * * * psychologist, physician
357 assistant, licensed certified social worker, or licensed
358 professional counselor; or

359 (d) One (1) licensed nurse practitioner, psychologist,
360 physician assistant, licensed certified social worker, or licensed
361 professional counselor,

362 stating that the patient is in need of treatment, are filed with
363 the chancery clerk in the county of the patient's residence or the
364 county in which the treatment facility is located; however, if the
365 admittee is at Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield, the
366 petition and certificate shall be filed with the chancery clerk in
367 the county of patient's residence or with the Chancery Clerk for
368 the First Judicial District of Hinds County, and the chancellor or



369 clerk shall order a hearing under Sections 41-21-61 through
370 41-21-107. The patient may continue to be hospitalized pending a
371 final order of the court in the court proceedings.

372 (7) The written application form for voluntary admission
373 shall contain in large, bold-face type a statement in simple,
374 nontechnical terms that the admittee may not leave for five (5)
375 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, after giving
376 written notice of his or her desire to leave. This right to leave
377 must also be communicated orally to the admittee at the time of
378 his or her admission, and a copy of the application form given to
379 the admittee and to any parent, guardian, relative, attorney or
380 friend who accompanied the patient to the treatment facility.

381 **SECTION 7.** Section 41-30-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
382 amended as follows:

383 41-30-27. (1) (a) A person may be admitted to an approved
384 public or private treatment facility for emergency care and
385 treatment upon a decree of the chancery court accepting an
386 application for admission thereto accompanied by the certificate
387 of either:

388 (i) Two (2) licensed physicians * * *; or
389 (ii) Two (2) licensed nurse practitioners; or
390 (iii) One (1) licensed physician and one (1)
391 licensed nurse practitioner, psychologist, physician assistant,
392 licensed certified social worker, or licensed professional
393 counselor; or



394 (d) One (1) licensed nurse practitioner and one (1)
395 psychologist, physician assistant, licensed certified social
396 worker, or licensed professional counselor.

397 The application shall be to the chancery court of the county
398 of such person's residence and may be made by any one (1) of the
399 following: Either certifying physician or other designated
400 professional, the patient's spouse or guardian, any relative of
401 the patient, or any other person responsible for health, safety or
402 welfare of all or part of the citizens within said chancery
403 court's territorial jurisdiction. The application shall state
404 facts to support the need for immediate commitment, including
405 factual allegations showing that the person to be committed has
406 threatened, attempted or actually inflicted physical harm upon
407 himself or another. The certificates of the physician or other
408 designated professional shall state that they examined the person
409 within two (2) days of the certificate date and shall set out the
410 facts to support * * * their professional conclusion that the
411 person is an alcoholic or drug addict who has lost the power of
412 self-control with respect to the use of alcoholic beverages or
413 habit-forming drugs and that unless immediately committed he is
414 likely to inflict physical harm upon himself or others. A hearing
415 on such applications shall be heard by the chancery court in term
416 time or in vacation, and the hearing shall be held in the presence
417 of the person sought to be admitted unless he fail or refuse to
418 attend. Notice of the hearing shall be given to the person sought



419 to be admitted, as soon as practicable after the examination by
420 the certifying physicians or other professionals, and the person
421 sought to be admitted shall have an opportunity to be represented
422 by counsel, and shall be entitled to have compulsory process for
423 the attendance of witnesses.

424 (b) For the purpose of this section, the term "drug
425 addict" shall have the meaning ascribed to it by Section
426 41-31-1(d).

427 (2) The chancery judge may refuse an application if in his
428 opinion the application and certificate fail to sustain the
429 grounds for commitment. Upon acceptance of the application after
430 hearing thereon and decree sustaining the application by the
431 judge, the person shall be transported to the facility by a peace
432 officer, health officer, the applicant for commitment, the
433 patient's spouse or the patient's guardian. The person shall be
434 retained at the facility that admitted him, or be transferred to
435 any other appropriate treatment resource, until discharged
436 pursuant to subsection (3).

437 (3) The attending physician shall discharge any person
438 committed pursuant to this section when he determines that the
439 grounds for commitment no longer exist, but no person committed
440 pursuant to this section shall be retained in any facility for
441 more than five (5) days.

442 (4) The application filed pursuant to subsection (1) of this
443 section shall also contain a petition for involuntary commitment



444 pursuant to * * * Chapter 31, Title 41, Mississippi Code of 1972.
445 If the application for emergency involuntary commitment is
446 accepted under subsection (2) of this section, the chancery judge
447 shall order a hearing on the petition for commitment pursuant
448 to * * * Chapter 31, Title 41, Mississippi Code of 1972, to be
449 held on the fifth day of such involuntary emergency commitment,
450 the provisions of Section 41-31-5 regarding the time of hearing to
451 the contrary notwithstanding; provided, however, that at the time
452 of such involuntary commitment the alleged alcoholic or drug
453 addict shall be served with a citation to appear at said hearing
454 and shall have an opportunity to be represented by counsel.

455 **SECTION 8.** Section 41-31-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
456 amended as follows:

457 41-31-5. Whenever such a petition shall be filed the
458 chancellor of said court shall, by order, fix a time upon a day
459 certain for the hearing thereof, either in termtime or in
460 vacation, which hearing shall be fixed not less than five (5) days
461 nor more than twenty (20) days from the filing of said petition.
462 The person alleged to be an alcoholic or drug addict shall be
463 served with a citation to appear at said hearing not less than
464 three (3) days prior to the day fixed for said hearing, and there
465 shall be served with such citation a true and correct copy of said
466 petition. At the time fixed, the chancellor shall hear evidence
467 on said petition, with or without the presence of the alleged
468 alcoholic or drug addict, and all persons interested shall have



469 the right to appear and present evidence touching upon the truth
470 and correctness of the allegations of said petition. The said
471 chancellor, in his discretion, may require that the alleged
472 alcoholic or drug addict be examined by the county health officer
473 or by * * * either:

474 (a) Two (2) licensed physicians; or

475 (b) Two (2) licensed nurse practitioners; or

476 (c) One (1) licensed physician and one (1) licensed
477 nurse practitioner, psychologist, physician assistant, licensed
478 certified social worker, or licensed professional counselor; or

479 (d) One (1) licensed nurse practitioner and one (1)
480 psychologist, physician assistant, licensed certified social
481 worker, or licensed professional counselor,

482 as the chancellor may select, and may consider the results of such
483 examination in reaching a decision in said matter. If the alleged
484 alcoholic or drug addict shall admit the truth and correctness of
485 the allegations of said petition, or if the chancellor should find
486 from the evidence that such person is an alcoholic or drug addict,
487 and is in need of detention, care and treatment in an institution,
488 and that the other material allegations of said petition are true,
489 then he shall enter an order so finding, and shall order that such
490 person be remanded and committed to and confined in the proper
491 state institution or in the case of an alcoholic to an approved
492 public or private treatment facility pursuant to the provisions of
493 Chapter 30 of Title 41, Mississippi Code of 1972, for care and



494 treatment for a period of not less than thirty (30) days nor more
495 than ninety (90) days as the necessity of the case may, in his
496 discretion, require. However, when such person shall be so
497 committed, the medical director of the said institution shall be
498 vested with full discretion as to the treatment and discharge of
499 such person, and may discharge and release such person at any time
500 when the condition of such person shall so justify.

501 **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
502 and after July 1, 2015, and shall stand repealed from and after
503 June 30, 2015.

