

By: Representatives Barker, Sykes, Dixon

To: Drug Policy

HOUSE BILL NO. 1375

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-30-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN A PATIENT WHO IS AN ALCOHOLIC OR DRUG ADDICT  
3 IS DISCHARGED FROM A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE TREATMENT FACILITY, THE  
4 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH SHALL MAKE A REASONABLE EFFORT TO  
5 ARRANGE FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND  
6 RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES FOR THE PATIENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-30-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
9 amended as follows:

10 41-30-25. Upon his or her discharge from, or upon leaving,  
11 an approved public or private treatment facility, a patient who  
12 was receiving treatment for alcoholism or for drug addiction or  
13 dependency shall be encouraged to consent to appropriate  
14 out-patient, intermediate care, or other after-care treatment. If  
15 it appears to the administrator in charge of the treatment  
16 facility, upon the advice of the attending physician, that the  
17 patient is an alcoholic or drug addict who requires such help, the  
18 division \* \* \* shall make a reasonable effort to arrange for  
19 assistance in obtaining supportive services and residential  
20 facilities for the patient, such as maintenance in a hotel or



21 halfway house operated by the division or by any other public or  
22 private agency.

23 For the purposes of this section, the terms "drug addict" and  
24 "drug addition" have the meanings as defined in Section 41-31-1.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
26 and after July 1, 2016.

