

By: Senator(s) Tindell

To: Insurance; Judiciary,
Division A

SENATE BILL NO. 2599

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 71-3-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 CLARIFY THAT ANYONE WHO HAS ATTAINED THE AGE OF 18 MAY RECEIVE
3 THEIR OWN COMPENSATION AND MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING THEIR CASE
4 UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 71-3-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 71-3-33. The commission may require the appointment by a
9 court of competent jurisdiction, for any person who is mentally
10 incompetent or * * * less than eighteen (18) years of age, of a
11 guardian or other representative to receive compensation payable
12 to such person under this chapter and to exercise the powers
13 granted to or to perform the duties required of such person under
14 this chapter. Any person who has not proven to be mentally
15 incompetent and who has obtained the age of eighteen (18) years
16 shall be permitted to handle the person's own affairs, receive
17 compensation in the person's name, or otherwise pursue the
18 person's rights under this chapter without the requirement of an
19 appointed guardian or other representative.



20 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
21 and after its passage.

