

By: Representative Banks

To: Public Health and Human Services; Drug Policy

HOUSE BILL NO. 623

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-29-305, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PRESCRIBED OXYCONTIN (OXYCODONE) UNITS TO  
3 ANY PATIENT IN EXCESS OF SEVENTY-FIVE UNITS PER PRESCRIPTION; AND  
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-29-305, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 41-29-305. A physician or a dentist, in good faith and in  
9 the course of his professional practice only, may prescribe,  
10 administer, dispense, mix or otherwise prepare narcotic drugs, or  
11 he may cause the same to be administered by a nurse or interne  
12 under his direction and supervision.

13 A veterinarian, in good faith and in the course of his  
14 professional practice only, and not for use by human beings, may  
15 prescribe, administer, dispense, mix or otherwise prepare narcotic  
16 drugs, and he may cause them to be administered by an assistant or  
17 orderly under his direction and supervision.

18 Any person who has obtained from a physician, dentist, or  
19 veterinarian any narcotic drug for administration to a patient



20 during the absence of such physician, dentist, or veterinarian,  
21 shall return to such physician, dentist, or veterinarian any  
22 unused portion of such drug, when it is no longer required by the  
23 patient.

24 If the narcotic prescribed under this section is oxycontin  
25 (oxycodone), or a generic form thereof, the prescribing physician,  
26 dentist or veterinarian shall not prescribe to any patient more  
27 than seventy-five (75) units per prescription, unless the patient  
28 is admitted to a hospital or is a resident of a nursing facility  
29 licensed under Section 43-11-1 et seq. The limitation on  
30 prescribed units under this paragraph shall also apply to any  
31 pharmacists dispensing medication or an assistant or orderly under  
32 his direction and supervision.

33 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
34 and after July 1, 2018.

