

By: Representative White

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 880

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-17-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS
3 FOR NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-17-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 73-17-11. (1) From and after July 1, 2011, in order to be
8 eligible to be licensed as a nursing home administrator, an
9 individual must submit evidence satisfactory to the board that he
10 or she:

11 (a) Is at least twenty-one (21) years of age;

12 (b) Is of good moral character, including evidence of a
13 criminal background check within the last six (6) months, under
14 Section 43-11-13 and Section G.407.3 of the Minimum Standards for
15 Institutions for the Aged or Infirm;

16 (c) Is in good health;

17 (d) Has satisfied at least one (1) of the following
18 requirements for education and experience:



19 (i) Has sixty-four (64) hours of college work from
20 an accredited institution and has worked in a supervisory capacity
21 in a Mississippi-licensed nursing home for a minimum of two (2)
22 years immediately before making application for the
23 Administrator-in-Training Program established by board rule;

24 (ii) Has an associate degree from an accredited
25 institution and has worked in a supervisory capacity in a
26 Mississippi-licensed nursing home for a minimum of two (2) years
27 immediately before making application for the
28 Administrator-in-Training Program established by board rule;

29 (iii) Has a bachelor's degree in any other field
30 of study from an accredited institution before making application
31 for the Administrator-in-Training Program established by board
32 rule; or

33 (iv) Has a bachelor's degree in health care
34 administration or a health care related field or business from an
35 accredited institution before making application for the
36 Administrator-in-Training Program established by board rule;

37 (e) Has (i) completed a nursing home
38 Administrator-in-Training Program and successfully completed the
39 National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Board (NAB)
40 examination, or (ii) completed an Administrator-in-Training
41 Program in Long-Term Care Administration from an academic
42 institution during which time the institution held National
43 Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Board (NAB) Program



44 Approval through the academic approval process, to the
45 satisfaction of the board;

46 (f) Has successfully passed the National Association of
47 Long-Term Care Administrator Board (NAB) examination and the
48 Mississippi State Board of Nursing Home Administrators examination
49 to test his or her proficiency and basic knowledge in the area of
50 nursing home administration. The board may establish the
51 frequency of the offering of those examinations and the contents
52 thereof; and

53 (g) Has met all of the requirements established by
54 federal law.

55 (2) Reciprocity shall be extended to individuals holding
56 licenses as nursing home administrators in other states, upon
57 proper application and a finding on the part of the board that:

58 (a) The applicant possesses the basic qualifications
59 listed in this chapter and in the rules and regulations adopted
60 under federal law;

61 (b) The applicant has met all of the requirements
62 established by federal law; and

63 (c) The standards for licensure in the other states are
64 at least the substantial equivalent of those in this state,
65 including education and experience, and the applicant has passed
66 both the National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator
67 Board (NAB) and the state exams.



68 The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a
69 military-trained applicant or military spouse shall be subject to
70 the provisions of Section 73-50-1.

71 (3) The board may prescribe appropriate fees for the taking
72 of those examinations and for the issuance of licenses. Those
73 fees shall be not more than the cost of the examinations and Five
74 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the issuance of a license. However,
75 the fee for an initial license may be prorated in proportion to
76 the period of time from the date of issuance and the date of
77 biennial license renewal prescribed in subsection (4). All
78 licenses issued under this chapter shall be for a maximum period
79 of two (2) years.

80 (4) Except as provided in Section 33-1-39, the board may
81 renew licenses biennially upon the payment of a fee to be
82 established by the board, which shall be not more than Five
83 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), plus any administrative costs for late
84 payment.

85 (5) Any person who is not licensed under this chapter on
86 July 1, 2011, who makes application with the board on or before
87 June 30, 2012, may qualify for a license under this chapter
88 provided that on or before January 31, 2014, he or she
89 demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board that he or she (a)
90 meets the eligibility requirements for a nursing home
91 administrator's license prescribed in this section as those
92 requirements existed on June 30, 2011; (b) has successfully



93 completed the Administrator-in-Training Program requirements
94 existing on June 30, 2011; and (c) has paid all required fees for
95 licensure.

96 (6) Current licensure by the Department of Mental Health
97 under Section 41-4-7(r) as a mental health/intellectual disability
98 program administrator shall exempt the licensee from the
99 requirement of licensure as a nursing home administrator if the
100 licensee is employed in the state mental health system as
101 Administrator of Intermediate Care Facility or Facilities for
102 Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/ID) no larger than
103 sixteen (16) beds.

104 (7) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, * * * 2021.

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

