

By: Representative Wilkes

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 1054

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE OWNERS OR OPERATORS OF PRIVATE  
 2 RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES PROVIDING LIVING ARRANGEMENTS, FOOD,  
 3 SHELTER AND PERSONAL CARE TO TWO OR THREE PERSONS WHO ARE  
 4 UNRELATED TO THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE HOME TO REGISTER WITH  
 5 THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; TO REQUIRE THE OWNERS OR OPERATORS  
 6 OF PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES TO CONTRACT WITH A SOCIAL WORKER  
 7 TO MAKE UNANNOUNCED VISITS TO THE HOME SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE  
 8 YEAR TO CHECK ON THE CONDITION OF THE RESIDENTS; TO PROVIDE THAT  
 9 THE SOCIAL WORKER SHALL MAKE REPORTS TO THE DEPARTMENT ON THE  
 10 FINDINGS DURING THE VISITS, AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAINTAIN THE  
 11 REPORTS WITH THE REGISTRATION FILE FOR EACH PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL  
 12 CARE HOME; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

14 **SECTION 1.** (1) As used in this section, the following terms  
 15 shall be defined as provided in this subsection:

16 (a) "Department" means the State Department of Health.

17 (b) "Private residential care home" means a privately  
 18 owned place, facility or home that provides living arrangements,  
 19 food, shelter and personal care for two (2) or three (3) persons  
 20 who are unrelated to the owner or operator of the home.

21 (2) The owner or operator of a private residential care home  
 22 shall register with the State Department of Health and provide the  
 23 following information:



24 (a) The name, street address, mailing address and phone  
25 number of the home;

26 (b) The name of all of the persons who provide care to  
27 the residents in the home; and

28 (c) The names of all residents receiving care in the  
29 home at the time of registration.

30 Each private residential home that is operating on the  
31 effective date of this act shall register as provided in this  
32 subsection not later than sixty (60) days after the effective date  
33 of this act. Each private residential home that begins operation  
34 on or after the effective date of this act shall register before  
35 taking residents in the home.

36 (3) In addition to the registration requirement of  
37 subsection (2) of this section, the owner or operator of each  
38 private residential care home shall contract with a social worker  
39 to make unannounced visits to the home several times during the  
40 year to check on the condition of the residents. The social  
41 worker shall make reports to the department on the findings during  
42 the visits, and the department shall maintain the reports with the  
43 registration file for each private residential care home.

44 Each private residential home that is operating on the  
45 effective date of this act shall provide written evidence of the  
46 contract with a social worker to the department not later than  
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52           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
53 and after July 1, 2018.

