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To: Public Health and Human
Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 1492

1 AN ACT TO REGULATE WHEN A WHEELCHAIR RESTRAINT MAY BE USED BY
2 A MEDICAL PROVIDER, HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME OR OTHER MEDICAL
3 FACILITY; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR SUCH; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A medical provider, hospital, nursing home or
7 other medical facility may only authorize the use of wheelchair
8 restraints for a patient of the provider or facility for the
9 purpose of ensuring the physical safety of the resident or other
10 residents, and only upon written order of a physician that
11 specifies the duration and circumstances under which restraints
12 are to be used. For purposes of this section, "wheelchair
13 restraint" means a lap belt, chair mesh or other alternative
14 device or material that can be attached to a wheelchair and the
15 person who is seated in a wheelchair to provide safe and adequate
16 seating for mobility and posture of a person seated in a
17 wheelchair.

18 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
19 and after July 1, 2019.

