

By: Representatives Barton, Byrd

To: Military Affairs;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 445

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-38, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 ADD STATE VETERANS NURSING HOMES TO THE AUTHORITY TO OPERATE GROUP
3 PURCHASING PROGRAMS JOINTLY WITH OTHER PUBLIC ENTITIES; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 31-7-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 31-7-38. The board of trustees or governing board of any
9 hospital or regional mental health center or state veterans
10 nursing home * * * owned and operated separately or jointly by the
11 State of Mississippi or any of its branches, agencies, departments
12 or subdivisions, or by one or more counties, cities, towns,
13 supervisors districts or election districts, or combinations
14 thereof, may authorize by resolution the organization and
15 operation of, or the participation in, a group purchasing program
16 with other hospitals or regional mental health centers or state
17 veterans nursing homes, for the purchase of supplies, commodities
18 and equipment when it appears to the board of trustees or
19 governing board that such a group purchasing program could or



20 would affect economy or efficiency in their operations. Purchases
21 by hospitals or regional mental health centers or state veterans
22 nursing homes participating in group purchasing programs of
23 supplies, commodities and equipment through such programs shall be
24 exempt from the provisions of Sections 31-7-9, 31-7-10, 31-7-11,
25 31-7-12 and 31-7-13.

26 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
27 and after July 1, 2020.

