

By: Representatives Lamar, Ford (73rd)

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 607  
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO CREATE "PARKER'S LAW"; TO CREATE THE CRIME OF  
2 "FENTANYL DELIVERY RESULTING IN DEATH"; TO PROVIDE THE PENALTY FOR  
3 SUCH CRIME; TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR THOSE WHO SEEK MEDICAL  
4 ATTENTION; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** This act shall be known and may be cited as  
7 "Parker's Law."

8 **SECTION 2.** (1) A person commits the crime of "fentanyl  
9 delivery resulting in death" when as a result of an unlawful  
10 delivery of fentanyl in exchange for anything of value to another  
11 person, death to the person results from the proximate cause of  
12 injection, oral ingestion or inhalation of the fentanyl. Upon  
13 conviction for violating the provisions of this section, the  
14 person shall be sentenced to imprisonment no less than twenty (20)  
15 years to a term of life in the custody of the Mississippi  
16 Department of Corrections.

17 (2) For purposes of this act only, any person, who, in good  
18 faith, without malice and in the absence of evidence of an intent  
19 to defraud, seeks medical assistance for someone experiencing a



20 fentanyl overdose shall not be charged or prosecuted for a  
21 violation of this section, if the evidence for the charge was  
22 gained as a result of the seeking of medical assistance.

23 (3) For purposes of this act, the phrase "in exchange for  
24 anything of value" does not apply to the act of sharing fentanyl  
25 when the sharing results in the proximate cause of a person's  
26 death under this section.

27 (4) The legislative intent for this bill is to assist in  
28 prosecuting any person that sells or otherwise profits from the  
29 sale of fentanyl that causes the death of another person. It is  
30 not the intent of this Legislature for the provisions of this  
31 section to be used to prosecute a drug user or drug addict who has  
32 shared fentanyl with a friend or associate and the friend or  
33 associate dies as a result of the sharing.

34 (5) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to  
35 limit, restrict or otherwise prohibit an indictment or conviction  
36 for any other crime that may be related to a violation of this  
37 section.

38 (6) The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance  
39 Evaluation and Expenditure Review shall create an annual report of  
40 the number of persons convicted under the provisions of this act;  
41 and shall provide the report to the House and Senate Judiciary B  
42 committees by January 5, of each year.

43 (7) This section shall stand repealed on and after July 1,  
44 2025.



45           **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
46 and after July 1, 2022.

