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To: Drug Policy; Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 679

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE "MISSISSIPPI PILL PRESS ACT OF 2022"; TO
2 PROHIBIT ANY PERSON FROM UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION AND TRANSFER OF
3 PILL PRESSES AND SIMILAR DEVICES; TO REQUIRE THAT ALL PILL PRESSES
4 OR SIMILAR DEVICES THAT MAY BE USED TO MANUFACTURE A CONTROLLED
5 SUBSTANCE OR COUNTERFEIT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE BE REGISTERED WITH
6 THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS
7 OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** This act shall be known and referred to as the
10 "Mississippi Pill Press Act of 2022."

11 **SECTION 2.** (1) Except as authorized by this article, it is
12 unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally, unless
13 authorized by the State Board of Pharmacy, or other lawful
14 authority:

15 (a) To sell, barter, transfer, manufacture, distribute
16 or possess a pill press, tableting machine, encapsulating machine,
17 or gelatin capsule, or any equipment, which may be used to
18 manufacture a controlled substance, knowing, intending, or having
19 reasonable cause to believe, that it will be used to manufacture a
20 controlled substance or counterfeit controlled substance.



21 (b) To create, sell, barter, transfer, distribute or
22 possess with intent to create, sell, barter, transfer, distribute
23 or dispense, a pill press, tableting machine, encapsulating
24 machine, or gelatin capsule, or any equipment, which may be used
25 to manufacture a controlled substance, knowing, intending, or
26 having reasonable cause to believe, that it will be used to
27 manufacture a controlled substance or counterfeit controlled
28 substance.

29 (2) All pill presses, tableting machines, encapsulating
30 machines or similar equipment which may be used to manufacture a
31 controlled substance or counterfeit controlled substance shall be
32 registered with the State Board of Pharmacy.

33 (3) Any person who violates this act shall, upon conviction,
34 be imprisoned for not more than five (5) years, or fined not more
35 than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

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

