

By: Representatives Yancey, Ford (73rd)

To: Drug Policy; Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 679  
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE "VICTORIA HUGGINS MISSISSIPPI PILL PRESS  
2 ACT OF 2022"; TO PROHIBIT ANY PERSON FROM UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION  
3 AND TRANSFER OF PILL PRESSES AND SIMILAR DEVICES; TO REQUIRE THAT  
4 ALL PILL PRESSES OR SIMILAR DEVICES WHICH ARE USED TO MANUFACTURE  
5 A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OR COUNTERFEIT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE BE  
6 REGISTERED WITH THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES  
7 FOR VIOLATIONS 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 "Victoria Huggins 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) Any person who possesses a pill press, tableting  
30 machine, encapsulating machine, or similar equipment which is  
31 used, intended to be used, or designed to be used to manufacture a  
32 controlled substance or counterfeit controlled substance shall  
33 register such pill press, tableting machine, encapsulating  
34 machine, or similar equipment with the State Board of Pharmacy.

35           (3) Any person who violates this act shall be guilty of a  
36 felony, and upon conviction, shall be committed to the custody of  
37 the Department of Corrections for not more than five (5) years, or  
38 fined not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

39           **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
40 and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022.

