

By: Representatives Yancey, Ford (73rd)

To: Drug Policy; Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 679  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO ENACT THE VICTORIA HUGGINS' MISSISSIPPI PILL PRESS  
2 LAW OF 2022; TO CRIMINALIZE THE UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION AND  
3 TRANSFER OF A PILL PRESS; TO INCLUDE SIMILAR DEVICES WITHIN THE  
4 OFFENSE; TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION; TO REQUIRE  
5 REGISTRATION WITH THE MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF NARCOTICS, UNLESS THE  
6 PILL PRESS IS AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF PHARMACY OR OTHER LAWFUL  
7 ENTITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1. Possession, transfer or manufacture of a pill**

10 **press; penalty; registration.** (1) This section shall be known  
11 and referred to as the "Victoria Huggins' Mississippi Pill Press  
12 Law of 2022."

13 (2) (a) Unless authorized by the State Board of Pharmacy or  
14 other lawful authority, it is unlawful for any person knowingly or  
15 intentionally to possess, create, sell, barter, transfer,  
16 manufacture, or distribute a pill press, a punch, die, plate,  
17 tableting machine, encapsulating machine, or any similar  
18 pharmaceutical producing equipment, 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) Any person who violates this subsection shall be,  
22 if convicted, imprisoned by not more than five (5) years or fined  
23 not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

24 (3) All pill presses, punches, dies, plates, tableting  
25 machines, encapsulating machines or any similar pharmaceutical  
26 producing equipment shall be registered with the Mississippi  
27 Bureau of Narcotics, unless the pill press is authorized by the  
28 Board of Pharmacy or other lawful authority. The Mississippi  
29 Department of Public Safety shall promulgate rules regarding the  
30 registration, transfer and destruction of such equipment and the  
31 renewal of registrations, to include inspection of all of  
32 equipment registered and any product that the equipment is being  
33 used to manufacture.

34 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
35 and after July 1, 2022.

