To: Drug Policy

By: Representative Arnold

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1309

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN PERSONS TO GROW A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA FOR THEIR OWN PERSONAL USE IF MEDICAL MARIJUANA IS AUTHORIZED FOR USE IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 6 **SECTION 1.** (1) If medical marijuana is authorized for use
- 7 in the State of Mississippi, any person who has a documented
- 8 diagnosis by a medical doctor for cancer or Parkinson's disease,
- 9 or is a current or former member of the military who is diagnosed
- 10 by a medical doctor to have post traumatic stress disorder, may
- 11 grow no more than six (6) plants of marijuana for his or her
- 12 personal use on his or her own property.
- 13 (2) Any such person must obtain a permit from the licensing
- 14 agency for Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per year, and in order to renew
- 15 such permit, the person must provide an annual report of testing
- 16 to determine the level of THC in the person's bloodstream.
- 17 (3) The area in which the person grows marijuana must be
- 18 owned by such person, and must be at least one-half (1/2) acre in
- 19 size.

- 20 (4) All medical marijuana grown by such person shall remain
- 21 on his or her property, and such person shall not sell or transfer
- 22 the marijuana to any other person.
- 23 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 24 and after July 1, 2022.