

By: Representative Arnold

To: Drug Policy; Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1484

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ANY PERSON WHO POSSESSES A TABLET PRESS
 2 MACHINE TO REGISTER THE MACHINE WITH THE MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF
 3 NARCOTICS BY A CERTAIN DATE; TO PROVIDE THAT POSSESSION OF AN
 4 UNREGISTERED TABLET PRESS MACHINE SHALL BE UNLAWFUL; TO REQUIRE
 5 ANY PERSON WHO PURCHASES A TABLET PRESS MACHINE TO KEEP CERTAIN
 6 RECORDS; TO PROVIDE THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT MAY INSPECT SUCH RECORDS;
 7 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) (a) Any person who possesses or uses a
 10 tablet press machine shall register the machine with the
 11 Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics. For purposes of this section,
 12 the term "tablet press machine" means any device that transforms,
 13 molds, presses, compresses or otherwise shapes powder materials
 14 into tablets or pills of sizes and/or shapes.

15 (b) From and after January 1, 2023, it shall be
 16 unlawful for any person to possess a tablet press machine that is
 17 not registered with the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics. Any
 18 person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty
 19 of a felony, fined no less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00),
 20 imprisoned in the custody of the Mississippi Department of



21 Corrections for not less than two (2) years, nor more than five
22 (5) years, or both.

23 (2) (a) Any person who sells, transfers or otherwise
24 furnishes a tablet press machine shall maintain records of all
25 transactions, which shall include, at least:

26 (i) The name, address and age of the person from
27 whom the machine is purchased as obtained from the seller's
28 personal identification card;

29 (ii) The date and place of each acquisition of the
30 machine;

31 (iii) The weight, quantity or volume and a general
32 physical description of the type of machine purchased in a
33 purchase transaction;

34 (iv) The amount of consideration given in a
35 purchase transaction for the machine;

36 (v) The vehicle license tag number, state of issue
37 and the make and type of the vehicle used to deliver the machine
38 to the purchaser;

39 (vi) If a person other than the seller delivers
40 the machine to the purchaser, the name, address and age of the
41 person who delivers the machine;

42 (vii) A signed statement from the person receiving
43 consideration in the purchase transaction stating that he is the
44 rightful owner of the machine or is entitled to sell the machine
45 being sold;



46 (viii) A scanned copy or a photocopy of the
47 personal identification card of the person receiving consideration
48 in the purchase transaction; or

49 (ix) If a person other than the seller delivers
50 the machine to the purchaser, a scanned copy or a photocopy of the
51 personal identification card of the person delivering the metal
52 property to the purchaser; and

53 (x) A photograph, videotape or similar likeness of
54 the person receiving consideration or any person other than the
55 seller who delivers the machine to the purchaser in which the
56 person's facial features are clearly visible and in which the
57 machine the person is selling or delivering is clearly visible.

58 (b) The records shall be maintained by the purchaser
59 for not less than two (2) years from the date of the purchase
60 transaction, and such records shall be made available to any law
61 enforcement officer.

62 (c) The purchaser of the machine must hold the machine
63 separate and identifiable from other purchases for not less than
64 three (3) business days from the date of purchase. The purchaser
65 shall also photographically capture the machine in the same form,
66 without change, in which the machine was acquired, and maintain
67 the photograph for a period of not less than two (2) years. The
68 time and date shall be digitally recorded on the photograph, and
69 the identity of the person taking the photograph shall be
70 recorded. The purchaser shall permit any law enforcement officer



71 to make an inspection of the machine during the holding period,
72 and of all photographs of the machine. Any photograph of the
73 machine taken and maintained pursuant to this subsection shall be
74 admissible in any civil or criminal proceeding.

75 (d) Any person who violates the provisions of this
76 section shall be guilty of a felony, fined no less than Five
77 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), imprisoned in the custody of the
78 Mississippi Department of Corrections for not less than two (2)
79 years, nor more than five (5) years, or both.

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

