

By: Senator(s) Sparks, Boyd, Tate, McLendon, To: Judiciary, Division B
Jackson (11th)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2563

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

12 (2) (a) Unless authorized by the State Board of Pharmacy or
13 other lawful authority, it is unlawful for any person knowingly or
14 intentionally to possess, create, sell, barter, transfer,
15 manufacture, or distribute a pill press, a punch, die, plate,
16 tableting machine, encapsulating machine, or any similar
17 pharmaceutical producing equipment, knowing, intending, or having
18 reasonable cause to believe, that it will be used to manufacture a
19 controlled substance or counterfeit controlled substance.



20 (b) Any person who violates this subsection shall be,
21 if convicted, imprisoned by not more than five (5) years or fined
22 not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

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

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

