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To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2563

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

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

8 **SECTION 1.** This act shall be known and referred to as the
9 "Mississippi Pill Press Act of 2022."

10 **SECTION 2.** **Possession, transfer or manufacture of a pill**
11 **press; registration; penalty.** (1) Unless authorized by the State
12 Board of Pharmacy, other lawful authority or this section, it is
13 unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally to possess,
14 create, sell, barter, transfer, manufacture, or distribute a pill
15 press, a punch, die, plate, tableting machine, encapsulating
16 machine, or any similar pharmaceutical producing equipment,
17 knowing, intending, or having reasonable cause to believe, that it
18 will be used to manufacture a controlled substance or counterfeit
19 controlled substance.



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

30 (3) Any person who violates this subsection shall be, if
31 convicted, imprisoned by not more than five (5) years or fined not
32 more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

33 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
34 and after July 1, 2022.

