By: Senator(s) McMahan, Simmons (12th)

To: Public Health and Welfare

## SENATE BILL NO. 2725

AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 41-10-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE MEDICAL RECORDS AND BILLING RECORDS THAT ARE IN THEIR POSSESSION OR CUSTODY TO A PATIENT WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE THAT IT RECEIVES A VALID REQUEST; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 7 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
- 8 41-10-5, Mississippi Code of 1972:
- 9  $\underline{41-10-5}$ . A health care provider or its agent(s), or both,
- 10 shall provide medical records and billing records that are in
- 11 their possession or custody to the patient who is the subject of
- 12 the records within thirty (30) days from the date a valid request
- 13 from the patient is received by the health care provider or its
- 14 agent(s). As used in this section, the term "medical records"
- 15 shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 41-10-3(1).
- 16 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 17 and after July 1, 2022.