

By: Representative Hobgood-Wilkes

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 794

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 73-15-71, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
2 1972, TO TRANSFER THE ADMINISTRATION OF CERTIFICATION OF CERTIFIED  
3 NURSE AIDES (CNAS) FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO THE  
4 MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF NURSING; TO PRESCRIBE THE MINIMUM DUTIES OF  
5 THE BOARD FOR THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS; 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 73-15-71, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9 73-15-71. From and after July 1, 2023, the certification of  
10 certified nurse aides (CNAs) shall be administered by the  
11 Mississippi Board of Nursing instead of the State Department of  
12 Health. The duties of the board for the certification process  
13 shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

14 (a) Prescribe the requirements for certification and  
15 recertification of nurse aides;

16 (b) Approve training courses for persons to be eligible  
17 to take the certification examination;



18                   (c) Administer the certification examination or  
19 contract with an administrator to develop, schedule, administer,  
20 score and report the results of the certification examination;

21                   (d) Issue certifications and renewals of certifications  
22 for nurse aides; and

23                   (e) Maintaining the Mississippi certified nurse aide  
24 registry.

25                   **SECTION 2.** Any position or positions at the State Department  
26 of Health whose duties are substantially involved with the  
27 administration of certification of CNAs shall be transferred to  
28 the Mississippi Board of Nursing.

29                   **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
30 and after July 1, 2023.

