

By: Representative Eure

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1417

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 57-117-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO EXPAND THE RADIUS IN WHICH A HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY FACILITY MUST  
3 BE LOCATED FROM CERTAIN FACILITIES IN ORDER FOR THE AREA TO  
4 QUALIFY FOR CERTIFICATION AS A HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY ZONE BY THE  
5 MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 57-117-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 57-117-5. (1) The MDA may certify an area as a health care  
10 industry zone if the following requirements are met:

11 (a) The area is located within:

12 (i) Three (3) contiguous counties which have  
13 certificates of need of more than three hundred seventy-five (375)  
14 acute care hospital beds; and/or

15 (ii) A county which has a hospital with a minimum  
16 capital investment of Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars  
17 (\$250,000,000.00) and for which construction is completed before  
18 July 1, 2017;



19 (b) The health care industry facility is located within  
20 an \* \* \* eight-mile radius of:

21 (i) A facility with a certificate of need for  
22 hospital beds; and/or

23 (ii) A university or college that is:

24 1. Accredited by the Southern Association of  
25 Colleges and Schools and awards degrees and/or trains workers for  
26 jobs in health care or pharmaceutical fields of study and/or work,  
27 and

28 2. Located along or near Mississippi Highway  
29 67 within a master planned community as defined in Section  
30 19-5-10; and

31 (c) The zoning of the local government unit, if  
32 applicable, allows the construction or operation in the proposed  
33 health care industry zone of the health care industry facility.

34 (2) A health care industry facility that engages in an  
35 activity for which a certificate of need is required must comply  
36 with the provisions of Section 41-7-191 in order to be certified  
37 as a qualified business.

38 (3) The MDA may adopt and promulgate such rules and  
39 regulations, in compliance with the Mississippi Administrative  
40 Procedures Law, as are necessary for the efficient and effective  
41 administration of this section in keeping with the purposes for  
42 which it is enacted.



43           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
44 and after July 1, 2024.

