

By: Representative Crawford

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 1288

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE PHARMACISTS TO PROVIDE IVERMECTIN TO
2 PATIENTS WHO ARE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER PURSUANT TO A
3 VALID COLLABORATIVE PHARMACY PRACTICE AGREEMENT CONTAINING A
4 NON-PATIENT-SPECIFIC PRESCRIPTIVE ORDER AND STANDARDIZED
5 PROCEDURES DEVELOPED AND EXECUTED BY ONE OR MORE AUTHORIZED
6 PRACTITIONERS; TO DIRECT THE BOARD OF PHARMACY TO ADOPT RULES TO
7 ESTABLISH STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR THE PROVISION OF IVERMECTIN BY
8 PHARMACISTS, INCLUDING PROVIDING THE PATIENT WITH A SCREENING RISK
9 ASSESSMENT TOOL, PROVIDING THE PATIENT WITH A STANDARDIZED
10 FACTSHEET, AND EITHER DISPENSING THE IVERMECTIN OR REFERRING THE
11 PATIENT TO A PHARMACY THAT MAY DISPENSE THE MEDICATION AS SOON AS
12 PRACTICAL; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHARGING OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR
13 SERVICES PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS ACT IN ADDITION TO COSTS
14 ASSOCIATED WITH THE DISPENSING OF IVERMECTIN AND PAID BY THE
15 PHARMACY BENEFIT; TO PROVIDE THAT A PHARMACIST OR PRACTITIONER
16 ACTING IN GOOD FAITH AND WITH REASONABLE CARE INVOLVED IN THE
17 PROVISION OF IVERMECTIN PURSUANT TO THIS ACT IS IMMUNE FROM
18 DISCIPLINARY OR ADVERSE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS FOR ACTS OR
19 OMISSIONS DURING THE PROVISION OF IVERMECTIN; TO PROVIDE THAT A
20 PHARMACIST OR PRACTITIONER INVOLVED IN THE PROVISION OF IVERMECTIN
21 PURSUANT TO THIS ACT IS IMMUNE FROM CIVIL LIABILITY IN THE ABSENCE
22 OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT FOR ACTIONS AUTHORIZED
23 BY THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

25 SECTION 1. (1) A pharmacist, in good faith, may provide
26 ivermectin to a patient who is eighteen (18) years of age or older
27 pursuant to a valid collaborative pharmacy practice agreement
28 containing a non-patient-specific prescriptive order and

29 standardized procedures developed and executed by one (1) or more
30 authorized practitioners.

31 (2) The board shall adopt rules to establish standard
32 procedures for the provision of ivermectin by pharmacists,
33 including:

34 (a) Providing the patient with a screening risk
35 assessment tool;

36 (b) Providing the patient with a standardized factsheet
37 that includes, but is not limited to, the indications and
38 contraindications for use of ivermectin, the appropriate method
39 for using ivermectin, the importance of medical follow-up, and
40 other information deemed appropriate by the board; and

41 (c) Either dispensing the ivermectin or referring the
42 patient to a pharmacy that may dispense the medication as soon as
43 practical.

44 (3) A pharmacist, pharmacist's employer, or pharmacist's
45 agent may charge an administrative fee for services provided
46 pursuant to this section in addition to costs associated with the
47 dispensing of ivermectin and paid by the pharmacy benefit.

48 (4) A pharmacist or practitioner acting in good faith and
49 with reasonable care involved in the provision of ivermectin
50 pursuant to this section is immune from disciplinary or adverse
51 administrative actions under Title 73 of the Mississippi Code of
52 1972 for acts or omissions during the provision of ivermectin.

53 (5) A pharmacist or practitioner involved in the provision
54 of ivermectin pursuant to this section is immune from civil
55 liability in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct
56 for actions authorized by this section.

57 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this act shall be codified as a new
58 section in Chapter 21, Title 73, Mississippi Code of 1972.

59 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
60 and after July 1, 2025.

