

By: Senator(s) Barnett

To: Public Health and
Welfare; Corrections

SENATE BILL NO. 2704

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-94, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO
3 PERFORM AN ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE INFIRMARY AT THE STATE
4 PENITENTIARY AT PARCHMAN; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-94, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 47-5-94. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property
9 Management of the Department of Finance and Administration and the
10 State Board of Health are hereby authorized and directed, upon the
11 passage of this section, to institute permanent annual structural
12 and environmental inspections of institutional housing and service
13 facilities at the State Penitentiary, such inspections to include,
14 but not be limited to, structural soundness, repairs and
15 maintenance of buildings; food service; fire and safety hazards;
16 fresh water supply; wastewater system; sewage collection and
17 treatment; solid waste collection, storage and disposal; rodent
18 and pest control and general institutional housekeeping.

19 Beginning July 1, 2025, the Mississippi State Department of Health



20 shall conduct an annual structural and environmental inspection of
21 the infirmary at the State Penitentiary at Parchman and make a
22 report thereon as required in this section.

23 All other state agencies, authorities, boards, commissions
24 and departments are hereby directed, upon the request of the
25 Commissioner of Corrections, the Bureau of Building, Grounds and
26 Real Property Management of the Department of Finance and
27 Administration or the State Board of Health, to assist in such
28 inspections with the fullest degree of reasonable cooperation.

29 Within thirty (30) days of the completion of the inspections
30 provided for herein, the participants shall compile a written
31 report of their findings which shall be submitted to the Governor,
32 the Commissioner of Corrections and the Warden or Superintendent
33 of the State Penitentiary at Parchman.

34 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
35 and after July 1, 2025.

