

By: Senator(s) Williamson

To: Public Health and Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2966

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-25-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT LICENSED NURSE PRACTITIONERS MAY PERFORM ACTS OF
3 MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT, PRESCRIPTION AND OPERATION IN
4 AREAS OF THE STATE WHICH HAVE A CRITICAL NEED FOR PRIMARY MEDICAL
5 CARE WITHOUT THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED PHYSICIAN; AND
6 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 73-25-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 73-25-35. Registered nurses who are licensed and certified
11 by the Mississippi Board of Nursing as nurse practitioners are not
12 prohibited from such nursing practice, but are entitled to engage
13 therein without a physician's license. Provided, however, that
14 licensed and certified nurse practitioners may perform acts of
15 medical diagnosis and treatment, prescription and operation in an
16 area of the state which is a critical need area for primary
17 medical care, as determined and designated by the Medical Care
18 Critical Needs Committee established under Section 37-143-6 (4),
19 Mississippi Code of 1972, without the direct supervision of a
20 licensed physician. Such acts shall be performed under the
21 general supervision of a licensed physician within the framework
22 of standing protocols which identify the medical acts to be
23 performed and the conditions for their performance.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after July 1, 2001.