

By: Representative Read

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 1610

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-21-83, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE
3 FOR REGULATING AND CHECKING THE LEGITIMATE DRUG TRAFFIC AMONG
4 CERTAIN PERSONS AND FACILITIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-21-83, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 73-21-83. (1) The board shall be responsible for the
9 control and regulation of the practice of pharmacy, to include the
10 regulation of pharmacy externs or interns and pharmacist
11 technicians, in this state, the regulation of the wholesaler
12 distribution of drugs and devices as defined in Section 73-21-73,
13 and the distribution of sample drugs or devices by manufacturer's
14 distributors as defined in Section 73-21-73 by persons other than
15 the original manufacturer or distributor in this state. In
16 addition, the board shall be responsible for regulating and
17 checking the legitimate drug traffic among pharmacists,
18 pharmacies, hospitals, nursing homes, drug manufacturers, and any
19 other related professions and facilities with the exception of the
20 medical, dental, nursing and veterinary professions.

21 (2) A license for the practice of pharmacy shall be obtained
22 by all persons before their engaging in the practice of pharmacy.
23 However, the provisions of this chapter shall not apply to
24 physicians, dentists, veterinarians, osteopaths or other
25 practitioners of the healing arts who are licensed under the laws
26 of the State of Mississippi and are authorized to dispense and
27 administer prescription drugs in the course of their professional
28 practice.

29 (3) The initial licensure fee shall be set by the board but
30 shall not exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

31 (4) All students actively enrolled in a professional school
32 of pharmacy accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical
33 Education who are making satisfactory progress toward graduation
34 and who act as an extern or intern under the direct supervision of
35 a pharmacist in a location permitted by the Board of Pharmacy must
36 obtain a pharmacy student registration before engaging in that
37 activity. The student registration fee shall be set by the board
38 but shall not exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

39 (5) All persons licensed to practice pharmacy before July 1,
40 1991, by the State Board of Pharmacy under Section 73-21-89 shall
41 continue to be licensed under the provisions of Section 73-21-91.

42 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
43 and after July 1, 2004.