

By: Representative Fleming

To: Corrections;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 135

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO
2 ESTABLISH A MANDATORY DRUG AND ALCOHOL REHABILITATION PROGRAM FOR
3 ALL OFFENDERS SENTENCED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
4 CORRECTIONS WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF A DRUG OR ALCOHOL RELATED
5 CRIME OR WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME WHICH THE OFFENDER
6 COMMITTED BECAUSE OF DRUG OR ALCOHOL ADDICTION; AND FOR RELATED
7 PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Department of Corrections is authorized
10 to establish a mandatory drug and alcohol rehabilitation program
11 for all offenders convicted of drug or alcohol related charges and
12 shall have the power and duty to adopt rules and regulations it
13 may determine necessary with respect to the establishment,
14 administration and operation of the program.

15 (2) Any offender sentenced to the custody of the Department
16 of Corrections and who has been convicted of a drug or alcohol
17 related crime or who has been convicted of a crime which the
18 offender committed because of drug or alcohol addiction shall
19 undergo a mandatory drug and alcohol rehabilitation program as
20 established by the department.

21 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
22 and after July 1, 2005.