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To: Public Health and
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SENATE BILL NO. 2882
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE TASK FORCE; TO
2 PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TASK FORCE; TO PRESCRIBE THE
3 DUTIES OF THE TASK FORCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** It is generally recognized that a significant
6 number of the population of the State of Mississippi has a form of
7 chronic kidney disease (CKD), including persons with seriously
8 reduced kidney function that may progress to end stage renal
9 disease (ESRD) requiring kidney dialysis or the receipt of a
10 kidney transplant. ESRD is usually the result of years of CKD
11 caused by diabetes, high blood pressure or a family history of CKD
12 as the primary contributing factors. Recognizing that the
13 treatment of CKD is a tremendous expense and that the early
14 diagnosis and effective treatment of CKD can prolong lives and
15 delay the high cost of medical treatment, including dialysis
16 and/or transplantation, and that there are existing,
17 cost-effective laboratory test calculations that can assist in the
18 early diagnosis of CKD, there is created the Mississippi Chronic
19 Kidney Disease Task Force.

20 **SECTION 2.** (1) The members of the Chronic Kidney Disease
21 Task Force shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
22 Representatives, the Lieutenant Governor and the State Health
23 Officer as follows:

24 (a) The Speaker and the Lieutenant Governor each shall
25 appoint three (3) physicians from lists submitted by the
26 Mississippi State Medical Association and the Mississippi Medical
27 and Surgical Association, two (2) of whom shall be family

28 practitioners, two (2) of whom shall be nephrologists and two (2)
29 of whom shall be pathologists.

30 (b) The Speaker shall appoint one (1) member who
31 represents the state affiliate of the National Kidney Foundation
32 and one (1) member who represents the Department of Nephrology at
33 the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

34 (c) The Lieutenant Governor shall appoint one (1)
35 member who represents owners/operators of clinical laboratories in
36 the state and one (1) member who represents a private renal care
37 provider.

38 (d) The State Health Officer shall appoint one (1)
39 member who is a dietitian licensed by the State of Mississippi.

40 (2) The State Health Officer or his designee shall serve as
41 chairperson of the task force.

42 (3) The State Department of Health shall provide meeting
43 facilities for the task force.

44 **SECTION 3.** The Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force shall:

45 (a) Develop a plan to educate health care professionals
46 about the advantages and methods of early screening, diagnosis and
47 treatment of chronic kidney disease and its complications based on
48 the K/DOQI Clinical Practice Guidelines for Chronic Kidney Disease
49 or other medically recognized clinical practice guidelines and
50 develop a plan to educate health care professionals about the
51 advantages of End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) modality education;

52 (b) Make recommendations on the implementation of a
53 cost-effective plan for that early screening, diagnosis and
54 treatment of chronic kidney disease for the state's population;
55 and

56 (c) Issue a report to the membership of the House
57 Public Health and Human Services Committee and the Senate Public
58 Health and Welfare Committee before the 2007 Session of the
59 Mississippi Legislature.

60 **SECTION 4.** This act shall stand repealed on July 1, 2008.

61 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
62 and after July 1, 2006.