

By: Senator(s) Nunnelee

To: Public Health and Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2929

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-65-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PROFESSIONAL ART THERAPISTS ADVISORY
3 COUNCIL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-65-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 73-65-3. (1) There is created the Professional Art
8 Therapists Advisory Council. The purpose of the council is to
9 advise the State Board of Health on matters relating to the
10 administration and interpretation of the provisions of this
11 chapter. The council shall consist of three (3) members, each of
12 whom is a professional art therapist licensed for at least five
13 (5) years pursuant to Section 73-65-7 * * *, two (2) members, each
14 of whom is a family member of a consumer of art therapy services,
15 and one (1) member who is a licensed physician or member of
16 another licensed health profession. All council members shall be
17 citizens of the United States and residents of Mississippi. * * *
18 Members of the council shall be appointed by the board for terms
19 of four (4) years.

20 (2) Members of the council shall receive no compensation or
21 per diem for their service on the council, but may receive
22 reimbursement for travel expenses incurred in attending council
23 meetings, as provided in Section 25-3-41.

24 (3) The council shall elect annually from its membership a
25 chairman and any other officers as necessary to carry out its
26 duties. The council shall meet at least two (2) times each year.
27 Additional meetings may be called by the chairman, upon the

28 written request of at least two (2) members of the council. Three
29 (3) council members shall constitute a quorum of the council, one
30 (1) of whom must be a professional art therapist.

31 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
32 and after July 1, 2007.