

By: Representative Eure

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1417

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 57-117-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO EXPAND THE RADIUS IN WHICH A HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY FACILITY MUST
3 BE LOCATED FROM CERTAIN FACILITIES IN ORDER FOR THE AREA TO
4 QUALIFY FOR CERTIFICATION AS A HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY ZONE BY THE
5 MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 57-117-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 57-117-5. (1) The MDA may certify an area as a health care
10 industry zone if the following requirements are met:

11 (a) The area is located within:

12 (i) Three (3) contiguous counties which have
13 certificates of need of more than three hundred seventy-five (375)
14 acute care hospital beds; and/or

15 (ii) A county which has a hospital with a minimum
16 capital investment of Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars
17 (\$250,000,000.00) and for which construction is completed before
18 July 1, 2017;



19 (b) The health care industry facility is located within
20 an * * * eight-mile radius of:

21 (i) A facility with a certificate of need for
22 hospital beds; and/or

23 (ii) A university or college that is:

24 1. Accredited by the Southern Association of
25 Colleges and Schools and awards degrees and/or trains workers for
26 jobs in health care or pharmaceutical fields of study and/or work,
27 and

28 2. Located along or near Mississippi Highway
29 67 within a master planned community as defined in Section
30 19-5-10; and

31 (c) The zoning of the local government unit, if
32 applicable, allows the construction or operation in the proposed
33 health care industry zone of the health care industry facility.

34 (2) A health care industry facility that engages in an
35 activity for which a certificate of need is required must comply
36 with the provisions of Section 41-7-191 in order to be certified
37 as a qualified business.

38 (3) The MDA may adopt and promulgate such rules and
39 regulations, in compliance with the Mississippi Administrative
40 Procedures Law, as are necessary for the efficient and effective
41 administration of this section in keeping with the purposes for
42 which it is enacted.



43 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
44 and after July 1, 2024.

