

By: Representative Currie

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 1601

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND  
 2 THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF NURSING FROM ADOPTING ANY RULE OR POLICY  
 3 OR TAKING ANY OTHER ACTION THAT PROHIBITS PHYSICIANS OR ADVANCE  
 4 PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES FROM PRESCRIBING DRUGS OR MEDICATIONS  
 5 FOR OFF-LABEL USE; TO PROHIBIT THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY FROM  
 6 ADOPTING ANY RULE OR POLICY OR TAKING ANY OTHER ACTION THAT  
 7 PROHIBITS PHARMACISTS FROM FILLING PRESCRIPTIONS WRITTEN BY  
 8 LICENSED PRACTITIONERS FOR OFF-LABEL USE; AND FOR RELATED  
 9 PURPOSES.

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

11 **SECTION 1.** (1) As used in this section, the term "off-label  
 12 use" means prescribing drugs or medications for indications, or  
 13 using a dosage or dosage form, that have not been approved by the  
 14 United States Food and Drug Administration. The term  
 15 "medications" in this definition includes compounding medications.

16 (2) The State Board of Medical Licensure shall not adopt any  
 17 rule or policy or take any other action that prohibits physicians  
 18 from prescribing drugs or medications for off-label use.

19 (3) The Mississippi Board of Nursing shall not adopt any  
 20 rule or policy or take any other action that prohibits advance



21 practice registered nurses from prescribing drugs or medications  
22 for off-label use.

23 (4) The State Board of Pharmacy shall not adopt any rule or  
24 policy or take any other action that prohibits pharmacists from  
25 filling prescriptions written by licensed practitioners for  
26 off-label use.

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

