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SENATE BILL NO. 2578

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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-21-91, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE CONTINUING EDUCATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACIST LICENSE RENEWAL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 73-21-91, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

73-21-91. (1) Except as provided in Section 33-1-39, every pharmacist shall renew his license annually. To renew his license, a pharmacist shall:

(a) Submit an application for renewal on the form prescribed by the board;

(b) On the application, indicate the number of continuing education hours earned for licensure. One (1) continuing education unit, ten (10) hours, is required for the licensure period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, and for each licensure period thereafter;

(c) Pay any renewal fees as required by the board, not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each annual licensing period, provided that the board may add a surcharge of not more than Five Dollars (\$5.00) to a license renewal fee to fund a program to aid impaired pharmacists or pharmacy students. Any pharmacist license renewal received postmarked after December 31 of the renewal period will be returned and a Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) late renewal fee will be assessed before renewal.

(2) Any pharmacist who has defaulted in license renewal may be reinstated within two (2) years upon payment of renewal fees in arrears and presentation of evidence of the required continuing

education. Any pharmacist defaulting in license renewal for a period in excess of two (2) years shall be required to successfully complete the examination given by the board pursuant to Section 73-21-85 before being eligible for reinstatement as a pharmacist in Mississippi, or shall be required to appear before the board to be examined for his competence and knowledge of the practice of pharmacy, and may be required to submit evidence of continuing education. If the person is found fit by the board to practice pharmacy in this state, the board may reinstate his license to practice pharmacy upon payment of all renewal fees in arrears.

(3) Each application or filing made under this section shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in accordance with Section 93-11-64.

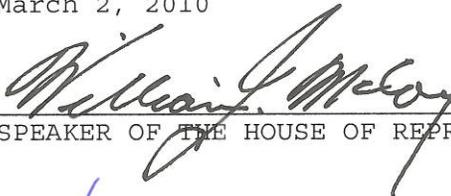
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2010.

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February 4, 2010



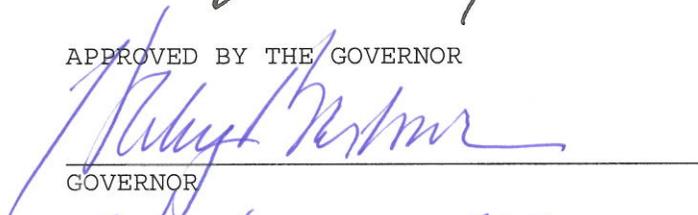
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March 2, 2010



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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