

March 5, 2001

TO THE MISSISSIPPI STATE SENATE:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following Senate Bill:

**S.B. NO. 2797:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-38, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE ANY HOSPITAL OR REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH CENTER OWNED BY THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO PARTICIPATE IN GROUP PURCHASE PROGRAMS WITH OTHER HOSPITALS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES, COMMODITIES AND EQUIPMENT; TO EXEMPT SUCH PARTICIPATION IN GROUP PURCHASE PROGRAMS FROM CERTAIN PURCHASING LAWS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.  
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Respectfully submitted,

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