

By: Senator(s) Kirby

To: Public Health and
Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2585

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-33-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE PROCEDURES FOR THE COMPULSORY COMMITMENT OF ACTIVE
3 TUBERCULOSIS CASES WHO REFUSE TREATMENT TO APPROPRIATE FACILITIES;
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-33-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 41-33-3. Any person who has been diagnosed as having active
9 tuberculosis and who fails or refuses to carry out minimum
10 precautions * * * specified in writing by the District or State
11 Health Officer for the prevention of transmitting tuberculosis to
12 others may be committed under duress to any hospital or
13 appropriate facility under contract with the State Department of
14 Health * * *. Such patients diagnosed as having active
15 tuberculosis who refuse to carry out minimum precautions may be
16 committed to the county jail of his county or residence, any other
17 county jail deemed appropriate by the Mississippi State Department
18 of Health, or any other facility of the Mississippi Department of
19 Corrections determined by the Mississippi State Department of



20 Health to be capable of providing adequate housing and services
21 for such patients. The period of confinement shall be maintained
22 until the District or State Health Officer deems the patient no
23 longer a threat to the public's health. The Mississippi
24 Department of Corrections and the Mississippi State Department of
25 Health shall sustain a contractual agreement, suitable to both
26 parties, which will maintain sufficient housing capacity for
27 tuberculosis patients who refuse treatment.

28 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
29 and after July 1, 2015.

