MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION 2014

By: Representative Howell

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 1321

AN ACT TO CREATE SECTION 41-9-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE FLU VACCINATIONS TO BE OFFERED BY HOSPITALS TO CERTAIN PATIENTS BEFORE DISCHARGE; TO AMEND SECTION 41-9-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING PROVISION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section 41-9-39, Mississippi Code of 1972:

41-9-39. Each year from October 1 through March 1 and in accordance with the latest recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, each hospital shall offer, before discharge, immunizations against influenza virus to all inpatients sixty-five (65) years of age and older unless contraindicated and contingent upon the availability of the vaccine.

SECTION 2. Section 41-9-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-9-1. The purpose of Sections 41-9-1 through *** * *** 41-9-39 is to protect and promote the public health by providing for the

development, establishment and enforcement of certain standards in the construction, maintenance and operation of hospitals which will insure safe, sanitary and reasonably adequate care and treatment of individuals in hospitals. The Legislature hereby finds that the protection and promotion of the public health requires the measures provided for in said sections.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2014.