

Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure



In 1892, as much of the U.S. cotton crop was devastated by the arrival of the boll weevil, Mississippi adopted its first Medical Practice Act and licensed its first physicians around that time. [May Fahrenheit Jones, M.D.](#), was the first woman to take the state medical board examination in Mississippi in 1901.

The Board of Medical Licensure Act was adopted in 1980 and the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure was established in 1981. Previously the board was known as the Mississippi Board of Health.

Several leaders from the Mississippi board have served the FSMB over the past decades, including R.N. Whitfield, M.D., FSMB President from 1947 to 1948, Dwight G. Crawford, M.D., who served on the FSMB Board of Directors, and [Freda M. Bush, M.D.](#), who served as FSMB Chair from 2010 to 2011.