

By: Representative Moore

To: Juvenile Justice

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 99

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 93-13-2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REVISE THE CIVIL LIABILITY OF PARENTS FOR CRIMINAL ACTS OF MINOR  
3 CHILDREN; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 93-13-2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 93-13-2. (1) Any property owner shall be entitled to  
8 recover damages in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
9 (\$10,000.00), plus necessary court costs, from the parents of any  
10 minor under the age of eighteen (18) years and over the age of ten  
11 (10), who maliciously and willfully damages or destroys property  
12 belonging to such owner or commits any crime against such person.

13 However, this section shall not apply to parents whose parental  
14 custody and control of such child have been removed by court order  
15 or decree.

16 (2) The action authorized in this section shall be in  
17 addition to all other actions which the owner is entitled to  
18 maintain and nothing in this section shall preclude recovery in a  
19 greater amount from the minor or from any person, including the  
20 parents, for damages to which such minor or other person would  
21 otherwise be liable.

22 (3) It is the purpose of this section to authorize recovery  
23 from parents in situations where they are not otherwise liable and  
24 to limit the amount of recovery. The provisions of this section  
25 shall apply only to acts committed on and after July 1, 1978.

26 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from

27 and after July 1, 1999, and shall apply only to acts committed on  
28 and after July 1, 1999.