

By: Representative Moak

To: Penitentiary

HOUSE BILL NO. 148

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-20-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT ONLY OFFENDERS WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF NONVIOLENT
3 OFFENSES MAY PARTICIPATE IN A COMMUNITY SERVICE RESTITUTION
4 PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 99-20-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 99-20-5. In order to qualify for participation in a
9 community service restitution program, the defendant must: (a) be
10 a first offender, (b) be convicted of a nonviolent * * * offense
11 that would constitute a felony, (c) have had a verifiable
12 residence in Mississippi for at least three (3) months and (d) not
13 have drug, alcohol or emotional problems so serious that he or she
14 appears unlikely to be able to meet the obligations of the
15 community service sentence.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
17 and after July 1, 1999.