

By: Representative Scott (80th)

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 205

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-3-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 CONFORM TO THE REVISED AGE OF SEXUAL CONSENT; AND FOR RELATED  
3 PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 97-3-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 97-3-1. Every person who shall take any person under the age  
8 of seventeen (17) years unlawfully, against his or her will, and  
9 by force, menace, fraud, deceit, stratagem or duress, compel or  
10 induce him or her to marry such person or to marry any other  
11 person, or to be defiled, and shall be thereof duly convicted,  
12 shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary not less  
13 than five (5) years and not more than fifteen (15) years.

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