

By: Representative Manning

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 248

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE DESTRUCTION OF MEMORIALS TO TRAFFIC
2 FATALITIES; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; TO REGULATE THE PLACING OF
3 MEMORIALS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. (1) Any person who destroys, defaces or removes
6 a memorial at the site of a traffic fatality on the side of any
7 public highway, road or street shall be guilty of a misdemeanor
8 and upon conviction shall be fined no more than One Thousand
9 Dollars (\$1,000.00) and shall be ordered to make restitution.

10 (2) A memorial placed on the side of a public highway, road
11 or street must be in a place where it does not obstruct the right
12 of way and does not create a safety hazard. If a memorial is
13 placed on private property, the permission of the property owner
14 is required.

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