

By: Representative Manning

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 707

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-3-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 CREATE A FELONY OFFENSE FOR FAILING TO STOP ON INSTRUCTION OF A
3 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR FLEEING A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AFTER
4 BEING STOPPED AND CAUSING PURSUIT BY SUCH OFFICER; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 99-3-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 99-3-13. (1) If a person commits an offense and be pursued
10 by a sheriff or constable, and escape from the county of the
11 officer, the officer may pursue and apprehend him in any county
12 and take him to the county in which the offense was committed; and
13 in all cases an officer or other person having the lawful custody
14 of a prisoner, passing through any county on his route, may lodge
15 the prisoner in any jail for safekeeping, as circumstances
16 require. In like manner if a person commit an offense within the
17 corporate limits of an incorporated municipality and be pursued by
18 a marshal or any other municipal peace or police officer and shall
19 escape from the municipality, such municipal peace or police
20 officer may pursue and apprehend such offender to places without
21 the corporate limits of the municipality and to any place within
22 the State of Mississippi to which such person may flee and may
23 return such person to the municipality in which such offense was
24 committed.

25 (2) Any person in a motor vehicle who shall fail to stop
26 after being instructed by a law enforcement officer who has
27 probable cause to stop such vehicle or who shall flee such law

28 enforcement officer after being stopped and shall cause such law
29 enforcement officer to pursue such person in hot pursuit in order
30 to apprehend or arrest such person shall be guilty of a felony and
31 upon conviction shall be fined not more than Five Thousand Dollars
32 (\$5,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than five (5) years, or
33 both.

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