

By: Representative Eaton

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1154

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 AND CAUSING PURSUIT BY SUCH OFFICER; AND
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 99-3-13. (1) If a person commit an offense and be pursued
9 by a sheriff or constable, and escape from the county of the
10 officer, the officer may pursue and apprehend him in any county
11 and take him to the county in which the offense was committed; and
12 in all cases an officer or other person having the lawful custody
13 of a prisoner, passing through any county on his route, may lodge
14 the prisoner in any jail for safekeeping, as circumstances
15 require. In like manner if a person commit an offense within the
16 corporate limits of an incorporated municipality and be pursued by
17 a marshal or any other municipal peace or police officer and shall
18 escape from the municipality, such municipal peace or police
19 officer may pursue and apprehend such offender to places without
20 the corporate limits of the municipality and to any place within
21 the State of Mississippi to which such person may flee and may
22 return such person to the municipality in which such offense was
23 committed.

24 (2) Any person in a motor vehicle who shall fail to stop
25 after being instructed by a law enforcement officer who has
26 probable cause to stop such vehicle and shall cause such law
27 enforcement officer to pursue such person in hot pursuit in order

28 to apprehend or arrest such person shall be guilty of a felony and
29 upon conviction shall be fined not more than Five Thousand Dollars
30 (\$5,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than three (3) years, or
31 both.

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