

By: Representatives Wallace, Coleman (29th), To: Judiciary B
Miller, Thornton

HOUSE BILL NO. 1182

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-37-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE PENALTY FOR CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON BY A CONVICTED
3 FELON TO ELIMINATE REQUIREMENT FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
4 REHABILITATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE
5 LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
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7 SECTION 1. Section 97-37-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 97-37-5. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person who has
10 been convicted of a felony under the laws of this state, any other
11 state, or of the United States to possess any firearm or any bowie
12 knife, dirk knife, butcher knife, switchblade knife, metallic
13 knuckles, blackjack, or any muffler or silencer for any firearm
14 unless such person has received a pardon for such felony or has
15 received a relief from disability pursuant to Section 925(c) of
16 Title 18 of the U.S. Code * * *.

17 (2) Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a
18 felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than
19 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or committed to the custody of
20 the State Department of Corrections for not more than ten (10)
21 years, or both.

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