

By: Senator(s) White (29th)

To: Judiciary

## SENATE BILL NO. 2204

1 AN ACT TO PRESCRIBE THE CRIME OF UNLAWFUL DESTRUCTION OF ANY  
2 CONFEDERATE HISTORIC STRUCTURE; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION  
3 OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE  
4 LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

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6 SECTION 1. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person, not  
7 being the owner thereof and without lawful authority, to willfully  
8 injure, disfigure, remove or destroy any Confederate historic  
9 structure, Confederate monument, Confederate marker or Confederate  
10 artifact.

11 (2) Any person violating any of the provisions of this  
12 section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction,  
13 shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars  
14 (\$500.00) nor more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by  
15 confinement in jail for not more than thirty (30) days, or by both  
16 such fine and confinement. Each day of continued violation of any  
17 provision of this section shall constitute a distinct and separate  
18 offense for which the offender may be punished.

19 (3) The Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Department of  
20 Archives and History, at its discretion, may grant a "finder's  
21 fee," not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), upon the  
22 arrest and conviction of any person in violation of this section.

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