

By: Senator(s) Walls

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2521

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF A TERRORISTIC THREAT OR ACT;  
2 TO PRESCRIBE THE ELEMENTS THEREOF AND THE PENALTIES THEREFOR; AND  
3 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. A person commits the offense of a terroristic  
6 threat when he threatens to commit any crime of violence or to  
7 burn or damage property with the purpose of terrorizing another or  
8 of causing the evacuation of a building, place of assembly, or  
9 facility of public transportation or otherwise causing serious  
10 public inconvenience, or in reckless disregard of the risk of  
11 causing such terror or inconvenience. No person shall be  
12 convicted under this subsection on the uncorroborated testimony of  
13 the party to whom the threat is communicated. A person convicted  
14 of the offense of a terroristic threat shall be guilty of a  
15 misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than Five  
16 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or by imprisonment for not more than  
17 one (1) year, or both.

18 SECTION 2. (1) A person commits the offense of a  
19 terroristic act when:

20 (a) He uses a bomb, burning or flaming cross or other  
21 burning or flaming symbol or flambeau or other incendiary device  
22 with the intent to terrorize; or

23 (b) While not in the commission of a lawful act, he  
24 shoots at or throws an object at any conveyance which is being  
25 operated or which is occupied by passengers or at any occupied  
26 building with the intent to terrorize one or more occupants of the

27 conveyance or building.

28           (2) A person convicted of the offense of a terroristic act  
29 shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by a fine of not  
30 more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or by imprisonment for  
31 not more than five (5) years, or both.

32           SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
33 and after its passage.