

By: Senator(s) Scoper, Harvey

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2900

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-29-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF POLYGRAPH EXAMINER; TO AMEND SECTION
3 73-29-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PERMIT OPERATION OF A
4 COMPUTERIZED VOICE STRESS ANALYZER BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AS
5 PART OF AN INVESTIGATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 73-29-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 73-29-3. In this chapter, unless the context requires a
10 different definition:

11 "Board" means the Polygraph Examiners Board;

12 "Secretary" means that member of the Polygraph Examiners
13 Board selected by the board to act as secretary;

14 "Internship" means the study of polygraph examinations and of
15 the administration of polygraph examinations by a trainee under
16 the personal supervision and control of a polygraph examiner in
17 accordance with a course of study prescribed by the board at the
18 commencement of such internship;

19 "Person" means any natural person, firm, association,
20 copartnership or corporation; and

21 "Polygraph examiner" means any person who uses any device or
22 instrument other than a computerized voice stress analyzer to test
23 or question individuals for the purpose of verifying truth of
24 statements.

25 SECTION 2. Section 73-29-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
26 amended as follows:

27 73-29-5. (1) Every polygraph examiner shall use an

28 instrument which records visually, permanently and simultaneously:
29 (a) a subject's cardiovascular pattern, and (b) a subject's
30 respiratory pattern. Patterns of other physiological changes in
31 addition to (a) and (b) may also be recorded.

32 (2) (a) Any law enforcement officer as defined in Section
33 45-6-3 who has received adequate training in the use thereof may
34 utilize a computerized voice stress analyzer as an additional aid
35 to investigation without being licensed under this chapter. The
36 results or interpretation of any computerized voice stress
37 analysis shall not be admissible as evidence in a court of law.

38 (b) For the purposes of this section, "adequate
39 training" means certification, and recertification not less than
40 every three (3) years thereafter, by one (1) of the following
41 associations:

42 (i) Midwest Association of Certified Voice Stress
43 Examiners;

44 (ii) Western States Association of Certified Voice
45 Stress Examiners;

46 (iii) Eastern States Association of Certified
47 Voice Stress Examiners;

48 (iv) National Institute for Truth Verification.

49 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
50 and after July 1, 1999.