

By: Senator(s) Turner

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2972

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1-3-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE GENERAL DEFINITION OF FELONY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

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5 SECTION 1. Section 1-3-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 1-3-11. The term "felony," when used in any statute, shall
8 mean any violation of law * * *:

9 (a) Specifically classified as a felony in the statute
10 creating the offense or its punishment; or

11 (b) Any offense in which the maximum punishment
12 authorized by law is:

13 (i) Imprisonment in the state penitentiary; or

14 (ii) Imprisonment in the custody of the Department
15 of Corrections; or

16 (iii) Imprisonment for a period of one year or more, or
17 for life; or

18 (iv) Death.

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