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To: Judiciary B

## HOUSE BILL NO. 955

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-17-67, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REVISE THE OFFENSE OF MALICIOUS MISCHIEF; AND FOR RELATED  
3 PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 97-17-67, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:[BD1]

7 97-17-67. (1) Every person who shall maliciously or  
8 mischievously destroy, disfigure, or injure, or cause to be  
9 destroyed, disfigured, or injured, any property of another, either  
10 real or personal, with a value of less than One Thousand Dollars  
11 (\$1,000.00), shall be guilty of malicious mischief, a misdemeanor,  
12 and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in a sum twofold the  
13 value of the property destroyed or of the damage done, or be  
14 imprisoned not exceeding twelve (12) months in the county jail.  
15 Anyone who by any word, deed or act directly or indirectly urges,  
16 aids, abets, suggests or otherwise instills in the mind of another  
17 the will to so act shall be considered a principal in the  
18 commission of said crime and shall be punished in the same manner.

19 (2) Any person who violates subsection (1) where the value  
20 of the property is One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or more shall  
21 be guilty of felony malicious mischief and upon conviction shall  
22 be fined in a sum twofold the value of the property destroyed or  
23 of the damage done or be imprisoned for not more than five (5)  
24 years, or both. Anyone who by any word, deed or act directly or  
25 indirectly urges, aids abets, suggests or otherwise instills in  
26 the mind of another the will to so act shall be considered a

27 principal in the commission of said crime and shall be punished in  
28 the same manner.

29 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
30 and after July 1, 2000.