HOUSE BILL NO. 128

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE FROM
SUING GUN AND AMMUNITION MANUFACTURERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The governing authority of any political
subdivision or local or other governmental authority of the state
is precluded and preempted from bringing suit to recover against
any firearms or ammunition manufacturer, trade association, or
dealer for damages for injury, death, or loss or to seek other
injunctive relief resulting from or relating to the lawful design,
manufacture, marketing, or sale of firearms or ammunition. The
authority to bring such actions as may be authorized by law shall
be reserved exclusively to the state.

(2) This section shall not prohibit the governing authority
of a political subdivision or local or other governing authority
of the state from bringing an action against a firearms or
ammunition manufacturer, trade association, or dealer for breach
of contract as to firearms or ammunition purchased by the
political subdivision or local authority of the state.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall be applicable to
all claims existing or actions pending on its effective date and
all claims arising or actions filed on and after its effective
date.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
and after July 1, 2001.