

By: Representative Compretta

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 133

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-17-14, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCLUDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL
3 PERSONNEL IN THE OFFENSE OF AGGRAVATED ASSAULT UPON FIREMEN; AND
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 97-17-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 97-17-14. Any person or persons who willfully, feloniously
9 and maliciously set fire to or burn or cause to be burned or who
10 aid, counsel or procure the burning of any commercial or
11 residential building, whether occupied, unoccupied or vacant or any
12 kitchen, shop, barn, stable, outhouse, vehicle, or wood, meadow,
13 marsh, field or prairie, whether the property of the person or
14 persons setting the fire or of another, and thereby cause serious
15 bodily injury to a firefighter, law enforcement officer or any
16 emergency medical personnel while said firefighter, law enforcement
17 officer or emergency personnel is acting within the scope of his
18 duty and office, whether said injury shall be intentional or
19 unintentional, shall be guilty of aggravated assault and upon
20 conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than One
21 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment for not more than
22 ten (10) years in the Penitentiary or by both such fine and
23 imprisonment.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after July 1, 2001.