

By: Representative Moak

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 590

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-41-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE PENALTIES FOR KILLING LIVESTOCK; TO PROVIDE THAT THE
3 INTENTIONAL KILLING OF LIVESTOCK FOR RITUAL PURPOSES SHALL BE A
4 FELONY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 97-41-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 97-41-15. (1) (a) Any person who shall intentionally or
9 maliciously, either out of a spirit of revenge or wanton cruelty
10 or who shall mischievously kill, maim or wound, or injure any
11 livestock, or cause any person to do the same, shall be guilty of
12 a felony and upon conviction, shall be committed to the custody of
13 the State Department of Corrections for not less than one (1) year
14 nor more than ten (10) years, and fined an amount not less than
15 One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), nor more than Ten
16 Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

17 (b) Any person who shall intentionally or maliciously
18 kill any livestock of another and dismember or mutilate such
19 carcass, or cause any person to do the same, shall be guilty of a
20 felony and upon conviction, shall be committed to the custody of
21 the State Department of Corrections for not less than one (1) year
22 nor more than ten (10) years, and fined an amount not less than
23 Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), nor more than
24 Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) and any property used in the
25 commission of the crime shall be confiscated including, but not
26 limited to firearms, motor vehicles or any other weapon or other
27 property used in the commission of such crime.



28 (2) In addition to any such fine or imprisonment which may
29 be imposed, the court shall order that restitution be made to the
30 owner of any animal listed in subsection (1) of this section. The
31 measure for restitution in money shall be the current replacement
32 value of such loss and/or the actual veterinarian fees, special
33 supplies, loss of income and other costs incurred as a result of
34 actions in violation of subsection (1) of this section.

35 (3) For purposes of this section, the term "livestock" shall
36 mean horses, cattle, swine, sheep and other domestic animals
37 produced for profit.

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

