HOUSE BILL NO. 1024

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-29-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
NOTIFY EVERY DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN THE STATE OF THE NAMES AND
ADDRESSES OF ALL PERSONS SHOWN AS PARENTS ON BIRTH CERTIFICATES OF
ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 97-29-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
amended as follows:

97-29-11. (1) If any person, who shall have previously
become the natural parent of an illegitimate child within or
without this state by coition within or without this state, shall
again become the natural parent of an illegitimate child born
within this state, he or she shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and,
upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the
county jail for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than
ninety (90) days or by a fine of not more than Two Hundred Fifty
Dollars ($250.00), or both. A subsequent conviction hereunder
shall be punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not
less than three (3) months nor more than six (6) months or by a
fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00), or both.
Provided, however, that for the purpose of this section, multiple
births shall be construed to be the birth of one (1) child.

(2) The circuit court of the county in which said
illegitimate child is born shall have jurisdiction of any action
brought under this section. No male person shall be convicted
solely on the uncorroborated testimony of the female person giving
birth to the child.
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2001.