

By: Representative Moody

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1024

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

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

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

9 97-29-11. (1) If any person, who shall have previously  
10 become the natural parent of an illegitimate child within or  
11 without this state by coition within or without this state, shall  
12 again become the natural parent of an illegitimate child born  
13 within this state, he or she shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and,  
14 upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the  
15 county jail for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than  
16 ninety (90) days or by a fine of not more than Two Hundred Fifty  
17 Dollars (\$250.00), or both. A subsequent conviction hereunder  
18 shall be punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not  
19 less than three (3) months nor more than six (6) months or by a  
20 fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or both.  
21 Provided, however, that for the purpose of this section, multiple  
22 births shall be construed to be the birth of one (1) child.

23 (2) The circuit court of the county in which said  
24 illegitimate child is born shall have jurisdiction of any action  
25 brought under this section. No male person shall be convicted  
26 solely on the uncorroborated testimony of the female person giving  
27 birth to the child.

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