

By: Representative Holland

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1126

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 75-73-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE AMOUNT REGARDING DEFRAUDING AN INNKEEPER; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 75-73-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 75-73-9. (1) Any person who shall, for himself or as the
8 agent or representative of another or as an officer of a
9 corporation, obtain food, lodging, money, property or other
10 accommodations of a value less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars
11 (\$250.00) at any hotel, motel, motor hotel, motor lodge, inn,
12 boarding or eating house with intent to defraud the owner or
13 keeper thereof, shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than
14 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars
15 (\$500.00) or imprisoned in the county jail for a term not
16 exceeding one (1) year, or both; but any person who shall, for
17 himself or as the agent or representative of another or as an
18 officer of a corporation, obtain food, lodging, money, property or
19 other accommodations of a value of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars
20 (\$250.00) or over at any hotel, motel, motor hotel, motor lodge,
21 inn, boarding or eating house with intent to defraud the owner or
22 keeper thereof shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than One
23 Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and not exceeding One Thousand Dollars
24 (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned in the State Penitentiary for a term of
25 one (1) year, or both. In case of a second and subsequent
26 conviction of the offense described, regardless of the value of
27 the food, lodging, money, property or other accommodations

28 obtained, the punishment shall be by imprisonment in the State
29 Penitentiary for a term of not exceeding two (2) years.

30 (2) No person shall remain in a hotel or motel where his
31 term or stay has expired if the person has been given a separate
32 written notice of his agreed departure date and checkout time at
33 the time he registered in the hotel or motel, the person has
34 signed such notice acknowledging his departure time, and the
35 person has been given written notice at least three (3) hours
36 prior to the time required to leave the hotel or motel room.
37 Willful violations of this subsection shall be a misdemeanor
38 punishable by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars
39 (\$100.00) and each violation shall be a separate offense. This
40 subsection shall not apply in case of serious medical emergency
41 requiring the room's continued use.

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