

By: Representative Cummings

To: Agriculture

HOUSE BILL NO. 1189

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OR POSSESSION OF CERTAIN  
2 RODENTICIDES CONTAINING STRYCHNINE; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR  
3 VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. (1) No person shall use or possess a rodenticide  
6 known as "Martin's Gopher Bait 50" or any other rodenticide  
7 containing strychnine. For purposes of this act, the term  
8 "rodenticide" means any substances or mixture of substances  
9 intended for preventing, destroying, repelling or mitigating  
10 rodents. Nothing herein prevents the use of strychnine by  
11 licensed physicians and veterinarians for medicinal purposes.

12 (2) A person violating subsection (1) of this section is  
13 guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by  
14 a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). If such  
15 person has also violated the provisions of Section 69-23-1 et  
16 seq., or any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder, he is  
17 subject to the penalties provided in Section 69-23-29 or Section  
18 69-23-135 in addition to the fine provided in this subsection.

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