

By: Representative Snowden

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1307
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-17-87, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR TRESPASS AS APPLIED TO AIRPORTS;
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 97-17-87, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 97-17-87. (1) Any person who shall be guilty of a willful
8 or malicious trespass upon the real or personal property of
9 another, for which no other penalty is prescribed, shall, upon
10 conviction, be fined not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00),
11 or imprisoned not longer than six (6) months in the county jail,
12 or both.

13 (2) (a) Any person who shall willfully trespass upon any
14 air operations area or sterile area of an airport serving the
15 general public shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon
16 conviction, shall be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars
17 (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned in the county jail for up to one (1)
18 year, or both.

19 (b) For the purposes of this subsection (2), "air
20 operations area" means a portion of an airport designed and used
21 for landing, taking off, or surface maneuvering of airplanes;
22 "sterile area" means an area to which access is controlled by the
23 inspection of persons and property in accordance with an approved
24 security program.

25 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
26 and after its passage.