AN ACT TO LIMIT THE LIABILITY OF PREMISES OWNERS TO PERSONS INJURED ON THE PREMISES OF ANOTHER AS A RESULT OF CRIMINAL ACTS OF THIRD PARTIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. In any civil action brought against a premises owner by a person who alleges injury occurring on the premises of another as a result of a criminal act of a third party, the premises owner shall not be liable unless he actually knew the criminal act was occurring or was about to occur and failed to exercise reasonable care to protect the person from the criminal act.

For the purposes of this section, the term "premises owner" includes, without limitation, an authorized agent or a person in possession of real property and a person legally responsible for the condition of real property or for the activities conducted or circumstances existing on real property.

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