

HOUSE BILL NO. 157

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT TAKING MONEY FROM AN ELDERLY ADULT  
2 THROUGH UNDUE INFLUENCE, MISREPRESENTATION, FALSE PRETENSES OR  
3 DECEPTION IS A FELONY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to take  
6 money from an elderly adult through undue influence,  
7 misrepresentation, false pretenses or deception.

8 (2) Any person who takes One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or  
9 more from an elderly adult through undue influence,  
10 misrepresentation, false pretenses or deception shall be guilty of  
11 a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine  
12 not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or by imprisonment  
13 not to exceed ten (10) years in the State Penitentiary, or by both  
14 such fine and imprisonment.

15 (3) For purposes of this act, "elderly adult" means any  
16 adult over sixty (60) years of age.

17 (4) Nothing contained in this section shall prevent  
18 proceedings against a person under any statute of this state or  
19 municipal ordinance defining any act as a crime, misdemeanor or  
20 felony.

21 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
22 and after its passage.

