By: Representative Scott (80th)

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1203

- AN ACT TO PROVIDE A FELONY OFFENSE OF DEFRAUDING PERSONS AGED 55 YEARS OR OLDER; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; TO REQUIRE RESTITUTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 5 **SECTION 1.** In addition to any other penalty provided by law,
- 6 it shall be unlawful for any contractor or seller of services,
- 7 equipment or goods to defraud any person over the age of
- 8 fifty-five (55) by a fraudulent offer of services, equipment or
- 9 goods. Any person who violates the provisions of this section
- 10 shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall be fined
- 11 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or imprisoned for up to five (5)
- 12 years in the State Penitentiary, or both such fine and
- 13 imprisonment. A person convicted under this section shall be
- 14 ordered to pay full restitution.
- 15 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 16 and after July 1, 2002.