

By: Senator(s) Jordan

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2545

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-37-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO CLARIFY THE PROHIBITED MEANS OF COMMUNICATION OF A BOMB THREAT;
3 TO AMEND SECTION 97-37-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXPAND THE
4 BOMB PROHIBITION TO OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION; AND FOR
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-37-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 97-37-21. It shall be unlawful for any person to report to
10 another by any means, whether in person or by telephone, mail,
11 electronic mail, mobile phone, fax or any other means of
12 communication, that a bomb or other explosive has been, or is to
13 be, placed or secreted in any public or private place, knowing
14 that such report is false. Any person who shall be convicted of a
15 violation of this section shall be fined not more than Five
16 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or shall be committed to the custody
17 of the Department of Corrections for not more than five (5) years,
18 or both.

19 **SECTION 2.** Section 97-37-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
20 amended as follows:

21 97-37-25. It shall be unlawful for any person at any time to
22 bomb or to plant or place any bomb, other explosive matter or
23 thing, or any biological or chemical weapon or other weapon of
24 mass destruction in, upon or near any building, residence, ship,
25 vessel, boat, railroad station, railroad car or coach, bus
26 station, or depot, bus, truck, aircraft, or other vehicle, gas and
27 oil stations and pipelines, radio station or radio equipment or
28 other means of communication, warehouse or any electric plant or



29 water plant, telephone exchange or any of the lines belonging
30 thereto, wherein a person or persons are located or being
31 transported, or where there is being manufactured, stored,
32 assembled or shipped or in the preparation of shipment any goods,
33 wares, merchandise or anything of value, with the felonious intent
34 to hurt or harm any person or property, and upon conviction
35 thereof shall be imprisoned for life in the State Penitentiary if
36 the penalty is so fixed by the jury; and in cases where the jury
37 fails to fix the penalty at imprisonment for life in the State
38 Penitentiary the court shall fix the penalty at imprisonment in
39 the State Penitentiary for any term as the court, in its
40 discretion, may determine, but not to be less than five (5) years.

41 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
42 and after its passage.

