HOUSE BILL NO. 239

AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR STEALING FIREARMS DURING THE COMMISSION OF ANOTHER CRIME AND TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES THEREFOR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any person who, during the commission of any criminal act, shall knowingly and willfully take, steal or carry away any firearm which belongs to another shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years or by a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00), or both. The penalties provided by this section shall be supplemental to any other criminal penalties.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2003.