

By: Representative Moody

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1030

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-29-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
3 NOTIFY EVERY DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN THE STATE OF THE NAMES AND
4 ADDRESSES OF ALL PERSONS LISTED ON BIRTH CERTIFICATES OF
5 ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-29-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 97-29-11. (1) If any person, who has previously become the
10 natural parent of an illegitimate child within or without this
11 state by coition within or without this state, * * * again becomes
12 the natural parent of an illegitimate child born within this
13 state, he or she shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon
14 conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the
15 county jail for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than
16 ninety (90) days or by a fine of not more than two hundred fifty
17 dollars (\$250.00), or both. A subsequent conviction under this
18 section shall be punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for
19 not less than three (3) months nor more than six (6) months or by
20 a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or
21 both. * * * However, * * * for the purpose of this section,
22 multiple births shall be construed to be the birth of one (1)
23 child.

24 (2) The circuit court of the county in which the illegitimate
25 child is born shall have jurisdiction of any action brought under
26 this section. No male person shall be convicted solely on the
27 uncorroborated testimony of the female person giving birth to the
28 child.



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

