

By: Representative Blackmon

To: Judiciary B

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1105

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-17-67, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REVISE THE OFFENSE OF MALICIOUS MISCHIEF; TO REVISE PENALTIES;  
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-17-67, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 97-17-67. (1) Every person who shall maliciously or  
8 mischievously destroy, disfigure, or injure, or cause to be  
9 destroyed, disfigured, or injured, any property of another, either  
10 real or personal, shall be guilty of malicious mischief.

11 (2) If the value of the property destroyed, disfigured or  
12 injured is Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or less, it shall be a  
13 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand  
14 Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment not exceeding twelve (12)  
15 months in the county jail, or both.

16 (3) If the value of the property destroyed, disfigured or  
17 injured is in excess of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), it shall  
18 be a felony punishable by a fine not exceeding Ten Thousand  
19 Dollars (\$10,000.00) or imprisonment in the Penitentiary not  
20 exceeding five (5) years, or both.

21 (4) In all cases restitution to the victim for all damages  
22 shall be ordered. The value of property destroyed, disfigured or  
23 injured by the same party as part of a common crime against  
24 multiple victims may be aggregated together and if the value  
25 exceeds One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), shall be a felony.

26 (5) For purposes of this statute, value shall be the cost of  
27 repair or replacement of the property damaged or destroyed.



28       (6) Anyone who by any word, deed or act directly or  
29 indirectly urges, aids, abets, suggests or otherwise instills in  
30 the mind of another the will to so act shall be considered a  
31 principal in the commission of said crime and shall be punished in  
32 the same manner.

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

