SENATE BILL NO. 2231

AN ACT TO PRESCRIBE THE CRIME OF UNLAWFUL DESTRUCTION OF ANY
CONFEDERATE HISTORIC STRUCTURE; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION
OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person, not
being the owner thereof and without lawful authority, to willfully
injure, disfigure, remove or destroy any Confederate historic
structure, Confederate monument, Confederate marker or Confederate
artifact.

(2) Any person violating any of the provisions of this
section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction,
shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars
($500.00) nor more than Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00), or by
confinement in jail for not more than thirty (30) days, or by both
such fine and confinement. Each day of continued violation of any
provision of this section shall constitute a distinct and separate
offense for which the offender may be punished.

(3) The Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Department of
Archives and History, at its discretion, may grant a "finder's
fee," not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00), upon the
arrest and conviction of any person in violation of this section.

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