

By: Senator(s) Hamilton

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2513

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE KILLING OF, INJURY TO OR THE
2 ADMINISTERING OF CERTAIN SUBSTANCES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT CANINES; TO
3 ENACT PENALTIES THEREFOR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) It is unlawful for any person to willfully and
6 maliciously taunt, torment, tease, beat, strike, or to administer,
7 expose or inject any desensitizing drugs, chemicals or substance to any
8 law enforcement canine. Any person who violates this section is guilty
9 of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more
10 than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) and be imprisoned not more than five
11 (5) days, or both.

12 (2) Any person who, without just cause, purposely kills or
13 injures any law enforcement canine is guilty of a felony and upon
14 conviction shall be fined not more than Five Thousand Dollars
15 (\$5,000.00) or be imprisoned not more than five (5) years, or both.

16 (3) Any person guilty of violating subsection (2) of this section
17 shall also be required to make restitution to the law enforcement agency
18 aggrieved thereby.

19 **SECTION 2.** This act shall be codified as Section 47-21-23,
20 Mississippi Code of 1972.

21 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
22 and after July 1, 2003.

