AN ACT TO CREATE THE GARY FUNCHESS ACT; TO PROHIBIT FOCUSING OF A LASER BEAM WHEN DIRECTED AT AN ON-DUTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, FIRE FIGHTER OR ANY EMERGENCY PERSONNEL; TO ENACT PENALTIES THEREFOR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the Gary Funchess Act.

SECTION 2. (1) It shall be unlawful for a person intentionally and without legal justification to focus, point or aim a laser beam directly or indirectly at a law enforcement officer, fire fighter or any emergency personnel who is in uniform and engaged in the performance of official duty in such a manner as to harass, annoy or injure such law enforcement officer, fire fighter or emergency personnel.

(2) A person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.