

By: Senator(s) Chaney, White

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2767

1 AN ACT TO CODIFY SECTION 3-3-16, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE A PROHIBITION AGAINST THE ALTERATION OF CERTAIN HISTORICAL
3 MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following provision shall be codified as
6 Section 3-3-16, Mississippi Code of 1972:

7 3-3-16. None of the following items, structures or areas may
8 be relocated, removed, disturbed, altered, renamed or rededicated:
9 Any Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War, War Between the
10 States, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean
11 War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, Native-American or
12 African-American historical statue, monument, memorial or
13 nameplate, which has been erected on public property of the state
14 or any of its political subdivisions; and any statue, monument,
15 memorial, nameplate, street, bridge, building, park, preserve,
16 reserve or other public item, structure or area of the state or
17 any of its political subdivisions, which has been dedicated in
18 memory of or named for any historical figure or historical event.

19 No person may prevent the public body responsible for
20 maintaining any of the items, structures or areas described above
21 from taking proper measures and exercising proper means for the
22 protection, preservation and care of those items, structures or
23 areas.

24 The provisions of this section may be amended or repealed
25 only upon passage of an act that has received a two-thirds (2/3)
26 vote on final passage in each house of the Legislature.



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

