

By: Representative Fleming

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 118

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE RENTAL OF HOTEL ROOMS FOR LESS THAN
2 TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES
3 FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) It shall be unlawful to rent any room in a
6 hotel as that term is defined in Section 41-49-3 to any person for
7 less than twenty-four (24) hours, except for organizational
8 conferences, receptions or meeting purposes.

9 (2) Any person or entity that commits a first violation of
10 the provisions of subsection (1) upon conviction shall be fined
11 One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than
12 one (1) year, or both. For a second or subsequent offense, upon
13 conviction such person or entity shall be fined Five Thousand
14 Dollars (\$5,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than three (3)
15 years, or both.

16 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
17 and after July 1, 2004.