

By: Senator(s) Kirby

To: Insurance

SENATE BILL NO. 2401

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-11-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE MISSISSIPPI FIRE PREVENTION CODE APPROVED FIRE
3 DETECTORS FOR ALL HOTELS AND LODGING HOUSES; TO AMEND SECTION
4 45-11-49, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE CRIMINAL
5 PENALTIES ON HOTEL AND LODGING HOUSEKEEPERS WHO FAIL TO COMPLY
6 WITH FIRE PROTECTION AND SAFETY LAWS; TO REPEAL SECTION 45-11-31,
7 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH REQUIRES KEEPERS OF HOTELS AND
8 LODGING HOUSES TO PROVIDE AN ALARM BELL OR GONG TO BE USED TO
9 ALARM THE GUESTS IN CASE OF FIRE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 **SECTION 1.** Section 45-11-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
12 amended as follows:

13 45-11-29. All hotels or lodging houses * * * shall be
14 provided with a Mississippi Fire Prevention Code approved electric
15 fire-detector with a detector * * * on each floor * * *.

16 **SECTION 2.** Section 45-11-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
17 amended as follows:

18 45-11-49. Every owner, lessee, keeper, or proprietor of a
19 hotel or a lodging house who shall, when the same is prescribed by
20 law to be done, fail, neglect or refuse:

21 (a) To provide for each room a rope or rope ladder, or
22 other like appliance; * * *

23 (b) To give notice calling attention to such rope or
24 rope ladder or appliance, and giving directions for its use; * * *

25 (c) To provide iron balconies with iron stairs; * * *

26 (d) To provide a hand or side rail to each
27 stairway; * * *

28 (e) To * * * provide a Mississippi Fire Prevention Code
29 approved electric fire-detector; * * *

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31 (f) To give alarm and awaken all guests * * * of his
32 house in case of fire therein or in close proximity thereto; * * *

33 (g) To do everything in case of fire in his power to
34 rescue the guests * * * of his house; or

35 (h) To do anything required by law to be done under the
36 provisions of Sections 45-11-21 through 45-11-55; shall be guilty
37 of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction, shall be punished by
38 imprisonment in the county jail not less than ninety (90) days nor
39 more than six (6) months, or fined not less than One Hundred
40 Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00),
41 or both such fine and imprisonment.

42 **SECTION 3.** Section 45-11-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, which
43 requires keepers of hotels and lodging houses to provide an alarm
44 bell or gong to be used to alarm the guests in case of fire, is
45 hereby repealed.

46 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
47 and after July 1, 2004.