To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2579

AN ACT TO IMPOSE AN ENHANCEMENT OF PENALTY FOR USE OF FIREARM 1 2 DURING COMMISSION OF A FELONY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 4 SECTION 1. Except to the extent that a greater minimum 5 sentence is otherwise provided by any other provision of law, any person who possesses a firearm during the commission of any felony 6 7 shall, in addition to the punishment provided for such felony, be 8 sentenced to an additional term of imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections of five (5) years, which sentence 9 shall not be reduced or suspended. 10

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