

By: Representative Fleming

To: Judiciary B

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 143

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE RENTAL OF HOTEL OR MOTEL ROOMS FOR
2 ILLEGAL OR ILLICIT ACTIVITIES; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS
3 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 or motel to any
7 person for the specific purposes of any illegal or illicit
8 activity.

9 (2) It shall be unlawful to rent a hotel or motel room on an
10 hour to hour basis to any person for the specific purposes of any
11 illegal or illicit activity.

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

19 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
20 and after July 1, 2005.