

By: Representative Fleming

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 143

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, 2005.