

By: Representative Fleming

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 143
(As Passed the House)

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 a hotel or
6 motel room on an hour to hour basis except for conference rooms,
7 meeting rooms or reception rooms.

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

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