

By: Representative Fleming

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 143  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-19-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE A MUNICIPALITY TO REGULATE HOTELS AND MOTELS RENTING  
3 ROOMS ON AN HOURLY BASIS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 21-19-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 21-19-19. The governing authority of any municipality shall  
8 have the power to restrain, prohibit and suppress blind-tigers,  
9 bucket-shops, slaughterhouses, houses of prostitution,  
10 disreputable houses, hotels and motels renting rooms on an hourly  
11 basis, games and gambling houses and rooms, dance houses and  
12 rooms, keno rooms, and all kinds of indecency and other disorderly  
13 practices, and disturbance of the peace, and to provide for the  
14 punishment of the persons engaged therein.

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