

By: Representative Fleming

To: Labor

HOUSE BILL NO. 144

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT EMPLOYERS FROM ASKING APPLICANTS ON
2 EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS WHETHER OR NOT SUCH APPLICANT HAS BEEN
3 CONVICTED OF A FELONY; TO CONTINUE TO ALLOW CRIMINAL BACKGROUND
4 CHECKS OF APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** No employer doing business in the State of
7 Mississippi may ask on an employment application whether or not
8 the applicant has been convicted of a felony. However, nothing in
9 this act shall be construed as prohibiting an employer from
10 conducting a criminal background check on such applicant, and
11 nothing in this act shall be construed as forcing an employer to
12 hire a convicted felon.

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