To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2305

- AN ACT TO CREATE SECTION 41-29-130, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
- 2 TO CREATE THE CRIME OF KNOWINGLY PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION TO AN
- 3 AGENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DURING A CRIMINAL
- 4 INVESTIGATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 6 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
- 7 41-29-130, Mississippi Code of 1972:
- 8 41-29-130. (1) A person who, in the course of any
- 9 investigation conducted by an agent of the Department of Public
- 10 Safety, in any statement made or writing or document submitted to
- 11 the agent, knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers
- 12 up by any trick, scheme or device a material fact, or makes any
- 13 materially false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or
- 14 representation, or makes or uses any false writing or document,
- 15 knowing the writing or document to contain any materially false,
- 16 fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry, shall be fined not
- 17 more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or imprisoned not more
- 18 than five (5) years, or both.
- 19 (2) This section does not apply to a party to a judicial
- 20 proceeding, or that party's counsel, for statements,
- 21 representations, writings or documents submitted by the party or
- 22 counsel to a judge in that proceeding.
- 23 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 24 and after July 1, 2005.