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To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1079

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF TRANSPORTING ILLEGAL
2 ALIENS INTO THE STATE; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND
3 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** It shall be unlawful to transport illegal aliens
6 into the state for any purpose. Any person who violates the
7 provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be punished as
8 follows:

9 (a) For a first offense the offense shall be a
10 misdemeanor and the punishment shall be a fine of Five Thousand
11 Dollars (\$5,000.00) and/or imprisonment for six (6) months for
12 each illegal alien transported;

13 (b) For a second offense committed within five (5)
14 years, the offense shall be a felony and the punishment shall be a
15 fine of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) and/or imprisonment for
16 three (3) years for each illegal alien transported; and

17 (c) For a third offense committed within five (5)
18 years, the offense shall be a felony and the punishment shall be a
19 fine of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) and/or
20 imprisonment for ten (10) years for each illegal alien
21 transported.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
23 and after July 1, 2006.