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To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2777

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 97-29-49, 97-29-51 AND 97-29-53,
2 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT PROSTITUTION AND
3 SOLICITATION OF PROSTITUTION, INCLUDING SOLICITATION BY SUPPLYING
4 DRUGS, SHALL BE A FELONY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-29-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 97-29-49. It shall be unlawful to engage in prostitution or
9 to aid or abet prostitution or to procure or solicit by any means
10 for the purposes of prostitution, or to reside in, enter, or
11 remain in any place, structure, or building, or to enter or remain
12 in any vehicle or conveyance for the purpose of lewdness,
13 assignation, or prostitution, or to keep or set up a house of
14 ill-fame, brothel or bawdy house, or to receive any person for
15 purposes of lewdness, assignation, or prostitution into any
16 vehicle, conveyance, place, structure or building, or to permit
17 any person to remain for the purpose of lewdness, assignation, or
18 prostitution in any vehicle, conveyance, place, structure, or
19 building, or to direct, take, or transport, or to offer or agree
20 to take or transport, or aid or assist in transporting, any person
21 to any vehicle, conveyance, place, structure, or building, or to
22 any other person with knowledge or reasonable cause to know that
23 the purpose of such directing, taking or transporting is
24 prostitution, lewdness or assignation, or to lease or rent or
25 contract to lease or rent any vehicle, conveyance, place,
26 structure, or building, or part thereof, knowing or with good
27 reason to know that it is intended to be used for any of the

28 purposes herein prohibited, or to aid, abet, or participate in the
29 doing of any of the acts herein prohibited.

30 SOURCES: Codes, 1942, §2333; Laws, 1942, ch. 284.

31 **SECTION 2.** Section 97-29-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
32 amended as follows:

33 97-29-51. It shall further be unlawful to procure a female
34 inmate for a house of prostitution, or to cause, induce, persuade,
35 or encourage by promise, threat, violence, offer of controlled
36 substances, or by scheme or device, a female to become a
37 prostitute or to remain an inmate of a house of prostitution, or
38 to induce, persuade, or encourage a female to come into or leave
39 this state for the purpose of prostitution, or to become an inmate
40 in a house of prostitution, or to receive or give, or agree to
41 receive or give any money or thing of value for procuring, or
42 attempting to procure any female to become a prostitute or an
43 inmate in a house of prostitution, or to knowingly accept,
44 receive, levy or appropriate any money or other thing of value
45 without consideration from a prostitute or from the proceeds of
46 any woman engaged in prostitution.

47 **SECTION 3.** Section 97-29-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
48 amended as follows:

49 97-29-53. Any person, partnership, association or corporation
50 violating any provision of Section 97-29-49 or 97-29-51 shall, upon
51 conviction, be guilty of a felony and punished by a fine not exceeding
52 Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) or by confinement in the custody of
53 the Department of Corrections for not more than two (2) years, or by
54 both such fine and imprisonment.

55 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
56 and after July 1, 2006.