

By: Representative Zuber

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 333

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-29-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR INDECENT EXPOSURE; AND FOR RELATED
3 PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-29-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 97-29-31. A person who willfully and lewdly exposes his
8 person, or private parts thereof, in any public place, or in any
9 place where others are present, or procures another to so expose
10 himself, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction for a first
11 offense, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Five Hundred
12 Dollars (\$500.00) or be imprisoned not exceeding six (6) months,
13 or both. It is not a violation of this statute for a woman to
14 breast-feed. Upon conviction for a second offense, such person
15 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine
16 of not less than Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) nor more than One
17 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or shall be imprisoned not exceeding
18 one (1) year, or both. Upon conviction of a third or subsequent
19 offense, such person shall be guilty of a felony and shall be
20 punished not less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
21 (\$2,500.00) nor more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and
22 shall be imprisoned for not less than one (1) year nor more than
23 five (5) years in the State Penitentiary.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after July 1, 2007.