

By: Representatives Moore, Wells-Smith

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 396

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-7-43, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROHIBIT IMPERSONATING A VOLUNTEER FIREMAN; AND FOR RELATED
3 PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-7-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 97-7-43. Whoever falsely and willfully assumes or pretends
8 to be an officer or employee acting under the authority of the
9 State of Mississippi or any department, agency or officer thereof;
10 or of any county, municipality or any other subdivision of the
11 State of Mississippi, or of any department, agency or officer of
12 such county, municipality or subdivision, or member of a county
13 volunteer fire department, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and
14 punished for each separate such offense by a fine of not more than
15 Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment of not more than
16 six (6) months in jail, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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