

By: Representative Banks

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1473

1 AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF BRONZE OBJECTS  
2 USED AT CEMETERIES OR OTHER LOCATIONS FOR MEMORIAL PURPOSES; TO  
3 PROVIDE CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND FOR  
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) It shall be unlawful to sell any bronze vase  
7 marker, memorial, statues, plaque, or other bronze object used at  
8 a cemetery or other location where deceased persons are interred  
9 or memorialized to dealer in scrap metal or for any such dealer to  
10 purchase such objects, unless the source of the bronze is known  
11 and notice is provided to the municipal or county law enforcement  
12 agency where the dealer is located. The notice shall identify all  
13 names, letters, dates and symbols on the bronze and a photograph  
14 of the bronze shall be attached thereto. Written permission from  
15 the cemetery and the appropriate law enforcement agency must be  
16 received before any type of bronze described in this section may  
17 be purchased, processed, sold or melted.

18 (2) A violation of this section shall be a felony punishable  
19 by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections  
20 for five (5) years and a civil penalty of not less than Five  
21 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than Two Thousand Dollars  
22 (\$2,000.00) for each violation.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
24 and after its passage.