

By: Representative Smith (39th)

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1475

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT POSSESSION OF CERTAIN ELECTRICAL WEAPONS
2 BY ANYONE OTHER THAN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; TO PROVIDE
3 PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** No person other than certified law enforcement
6 officers shall possess a portable device or weapon from which an
7 electric current, impulse, wave or beam may be directed, which
8 current, impulse, wave or beam is designed to incapacitate
9 temporarily, injure or kill. The purpose of these portable
10 devices and weapons is to momentarily stun, knock out, cause
11 mental disorientation, or paralyze. Whoever violates this section
12 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be
13 punished by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)
14 nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment
15 for not less than six (6) months nor more than one (1) year, or
16 both.

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