

By: Representative Dixon

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1044

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FROM CARRYING
2 HIS WEAPON ISSUED BY HIS EMPLOYER WHILE SUCH OFFICER IS OFF DUTY;
3 TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in Section
6 17-25-11, it shall be unlawful for a law enforcement officer to
7 carry the service revolver or other weapon issued to him by the
8 employing law enforcement agency for the officer's employment
9 while such officer is off duty and not operating within the scope
10 of his employment. A violation of this section is a misdemeanor
11 punishable by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars
12 (\$1,000.00).

13 (2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit or otherwise
14 restrict a law enforcement officer from carrying a personal weapon
15 in a manner authorized by law.

16 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
17 and after July 1, 2013.

