

By: Representative Clarke

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 293

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-37-30, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS NEAR PROPERTY WHERE  
3 PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ARE LOCATED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-37-30, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 97-37-30. (1) A person who willfully discharges his or her  
8 firearm toward the dwelling of another, causing property damage to  
9 the dwelling or any domesticated animal or livestock, is guilty of  
10 a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand  
11 Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment not exceeding twelve (12)  
12 months in the county jail, or both.

13 (2) A person who willfully discharges his or her firearm  
14 near any business or property that contains flammable or explosive  
15 petroleum products and such discharge is likely to cause the  
16 petroleum products to ignite or explode is guilty of a felony  
17 punishable by a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars



18 (\$5,000.00) or imprisonment not exceeding five (5) years in the  
19 custody of the Department of Corrections, or both.

20 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
21 and after July 1, 2015.

