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To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1411

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE MENTAL CULPABILITY FOR ALL CRIMES ENACTED
2 BY STATUTE AFTER JULY 1, 2016; TO PROVIDE THAT OF THIS ACT SHALL
3 NOT APPLY TO AN AMENDMENT TO ANY CRIMINAL OFFENSE THAT WAS ENACTED
4 BY STATUTE BEFORE JULY 1, 2016; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) From and after July 1, 2016, each new crime
7 enacted by statute shall specify the degree of mental culpability
8 required for commission of the offense. Any new crime enacted by
9 statute that does not specify the degree of mental culpability
10 shall be void.

11 (2) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall
12 not apply to an amendment to any criminal offense that was enacted
13 by statute before July 1, 2016.

14 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
15 and after July 1, 2016.

