

By: Representative DeLano

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 622

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ALTERING THE SERIAL NUMBER OF A FIREARM;
2 TO PROHIBIT THE POSSESSION OF SUCH FIREARMS; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES
3 FOR VIOLATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) A person shall not knowingly buy, sell,
6 ship, transport, pawn, receive, or possess any stolen firearm or
7 any firearm from which the manufacturer's serial number has been
8 altered, obliterated or removed.

9 (2) A person shall not knowingly alter, obliterate or remove
10 the manufacturer's serial number of a firearm.

11 (3) (a) A person violating the provisions of this section
12 where a death does not occur shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and,
13 upon conviction, shall be fined not more than Five Thousand
14 Dollars (\$5,000.00) or imprisoned not more than one (1) year, or
15 both.

16 (b) A person violating the provisions of this section
17 where a death occurs shall be guilty of a felony and, upon
18 conviction, shall be fined not more than Five Hundred Thousand



19 Dollars (\$500,000.00) or imprisoned not more than ten (10) years,
20 or both.

21 (4) For the purposes of this section, "firearm" means any
22 loaded or unloaded handgun, pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun or
23 other weapon that will expel, is designed to expel or may readily
24 be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive.
25 Firearm does not include a firearm in a permanently inoperable
26 condition.

27 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
28 and after July 1, 2017.

