

By: Representative Currie

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 856

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON OR ENTITY THAT EXERCISES  
 2 CONTROL OVER PROPERTY AND POSTS A WRITTEN NOTICE THAT PROHIBITS  
 3 POSSESSION OF A GUN, STUN GUN, PISTOL, REVOLVER OR OTHER FIREARM  
 4 ON THE PROPERTY SHALL BE CIVILLY LIABLE TO A PERSON WHO IS  
 5 AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO POSSESS A GUN, STUN GUN, PISTOL, REVOLVER OR  
 6 OTHER FIREARM FOR ANY ACTS OCCURRING ON THE PROPERTY THAT CAUSE  
 7 INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR OTHER COMPENSABLE LOSS UNDER  
 8 CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** (1) Any person or entity that exercises control  
 11 over property and posts a written notice that prohibits possession  
 12 of a gun, stun gun, pistol, revolver or other firearm on the  
 13 property shall be civilly liable to a person who is authorized by  
 14 law to possess a gun, stun gun, pistol, revolver or other firearm  
 15 for any acts occurring on the property that cause injury, death,  
 16 property damage or other compensable loss if: (a) the person  
 17 suffers the injury, death, property damage or other compensable  
 18 loss while on the property; (b) the person owns a gun, stun gun,  
 19 pistol, revolver or other firearm at the time of such act; (c) the  
 20 person did not possess the gun, stun gun, pistol, revolver or  
 21 other firearm at the time of such act and while on the property



22 because of the written notice prohibiting such possession; (d) the  
23 injury, death, property damage or other compensable loss would not  
24 have occurred if the person would have been authorized to possess  
25 the gun, stun gun, pistol or other firearm at the time of such  
26 act; and (e) the person or entity that exercises control over the  
27 property was not required by state or federal law to post such  
28 written notice.

29 (2) In addition to any other damages authorized by law, any  
30 person who suffers a loss as described in subsection (1) of this  
31 section shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees, expert  
32 witness costs, and other costs necessary to bring the cause of  
33 action.

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

