

By: Senator(s) Hill

To: Judiciary, Division B;
Corrections

SENATE BILL NO. 2730

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-15-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO CREATE A FELONY LEVEL OF MALICIOUSLY IMPEDING TRAFFIC ON A
3 PUBLIC ROAD; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-15-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 97-15-37. (1) If any person shall fell any bush or tree
8 into any public road or highway, or obstruct the same in any
9 manner whatever, and shall not remove the obstruction immediately,
10 except as provided in subsection (2), it shall be deemed a
11 misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof the offender, in addition
12 to the penalty recoverable by law, shall be fined not more than
13 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) or be imprisoned not more than one (1)
14 week.

15 (2) If the violation of this section constitutes an
16 intentional act of malice, including, but not limited to, a person
17 sitting, standing or lying in a public road or highway that would
18 impede or hinder the passage of emergency vehicles, the violation



19 shall be a felony punishable by a fine not to exceed Ten Thousand
20 Dollars (\$10,000.00) or imprisonment not to exceed five (5) years,
21 or both.

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

