

By: Representative Baker

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1264

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE "MISSISSIPPI TERRORISTIC THREATS LAW";
2 TO DEFINE THE TERM "TERRORISTIC THREAT"; TO PROVIDE THAT MAKING A
3 TERRORISTIC THREAT IS A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR UP
4 TO TEN YEARS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) This section shall be known and may be cited
7 as the "Mississippi Terroristic Threats Law."

8 (2) As used in this section, the term "terroristic threat"
9 means a threat to commit a crime of violence or a threat to cause
10 bodily injury to another person and terrorization as the result of
11 the proscribed conduct, which threat must have an intent to
12 terrorize, harm, intimidate or disrupt a governmental function.

13 (3) (a) A person commits the offense of making a
14 terroristic threat when the person making the threat causes a
15 reasonable expectation or fear of the imminent commission of an
16 offense and when so acting, the person has the intent to:

- 17 (i) Intimidate or coerce a civilian population;
- 18 (ii) Influence the policy of a unit of government
- 19 by intimidation or coercion;



20 (iii) Affect the conduct of a unit of government,
21 educational institution, business or segment of the civilian
22 population by intimidation or coercion; or

23 (iv) Affect the conduct of a unit of government by
24 threatening murder, assassination or kidnapping or any other act
25 deemed as terroristic in nature.

26 (b) It is not a defense to a prosecution under this
27 section that at the time the defendant made the terroristic
28 threat, the defendant did not have the intent or capability to
29 actually commit the specified offense, nor is it a defense that
30 the threat was not made to a person who was a subject or intended
31 victim of the threatened act.

32 (4) A person convicted of the offense of making a
33 terroristic threat is guilty of a felony punishable by
34 imprisonment in the custody of the Mississippi Department of
35 Corrections for not more than ten (10) years.

36 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
37 and after July 1, 2018.

