

By: Representative Clarke

To: Constitution; Judiciary  
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## HOUSE BILL NO. 735

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-37-30, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS NEAR PROPERTY WHERE  
3 PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ARE LOCATED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-37-30, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 97-37-30. (1) A person who willfully discharges his or her  
8 firearm toward the dwelling of another, causing property damage to  
9 the dwelling or any domesticated animal or livestock, is guilty of  
10 a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand  
11 Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment not exceeding twelve (12)  
12 months in the county jail, or both.

13 (2) A person who willfully discharges his or her firearm  
14 near any business or property that contains flammable or explosive  
15 petroleum products is guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of  
16 not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or imprisonment  
17 not exceeding five (5) years in the custody of the Department of  
18 Corrections, or both.



19           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
20 and after July 1, 2021.

