

By: Representatives Patterson, Williamson

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 254

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMPREHENSIVE FIREARMS CODE OF THE
2 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IS INTERPOSED IN PLACE OF ANY FEDERAL LAW
3 CONFISCATING FIREARMS OF LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) All federal acts, laws, orders, rules and
7 regulations, whether past, present or future, which infringe on
8 the people's right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the
9 Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I,
10 Section 12 of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, shall be
11 invalid in this state, shall not be recognized by this state,
12 shall be specifically rejected by this state and have no effect in
13 this state.

14 (2) Such federal acts, laws, orders, rules and regulations
15 include any act ordering the confiscation of firearms, firearm
16 accessories, or ammunition from law-abiding citizens.

17 (3) It shall be the duty of the courts and law enforcement
18 agencies of this state to protect the rights of law-abiding



19 citizens to keep and bear arms within the borders of this state
20 and from the infringements in subsection (2) of this section.

21 (4) No public officer or employee of this state shall have
22 any authority to enforce or attempt to enforce any of the
23 infringements on the right to keep and bear arms included in
24 subsection (2) of this section.

25 (5) Any official, agent, or employee of the United States
26 government who enforces or attempts to enforce any of the
27 infringements on the right to keep and bear arms included in
28 subsection (2) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

29 (6) Any Mississippi citizen who has been subject to an
30 effort to enforce any of the infringements on the right to keep
31 and bear arms included in subsection (2) of this section shall
32 have a private cause of action for declaratory judgment and for
33 damages against any person or entity attempting such enforcement.

34 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
35 and after July 1, 2022.

