MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION 2022

By: Representative Wright

To: Rules

HOUSE BILL NO. 361

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 5-1-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO 1 2 AUTHORIZE THE SERGEANTS AT ARMS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF 3 REPRESENTATIVES TO CARRY A FIREARM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: SECTION 1. Section 5-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 5 amended as follows: 6 5-1-35. The Sergeant at Arms of the Senate and the Sergeant 7 at Arms of the House of Representatives shall give a general 8 9 supervision, under the direction of the chamber's presiding officer. * * * Each Sergeant at Arms may carry a firearm and 10 shall attend the sittings * * * of that sergeant's house, preserve 11 12 order, execute its commands and all process issued by its authority, and shall have control of the doorkeeper. * * * The 13 14 Sergeant at Arms shall see that the halls of the Senate and House of Representatives and the committee rooms and the rooms of * * * 15 their presiding officers, the anterooms, lobbies and 16 17 galleries * * * of their respective chambers are clean, comfortable and lighted at night during the sitting of the * * * 18

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19 <u>sergeant's house</u>, and that all necessary conveniences are supplied 20 to the members, officers and committees.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from

22 and after July 1, 2022.

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