

By: Senator(s) England

To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2537

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-13-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REDUCE A VIOLATION OF THE ARTICLE THAT REGULATES THE SALE AND
3 STORAGE OF FIREWORKS FROM A FELONY TO A MISDEMEANOR; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 45-13-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 45-13-15. Any person, firm, partnership or corporation
9 violating any provision of this article shall be guilty of a * * *
10 misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed One
11 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) * * * or imprisonment in the county
12 jail * * * for a term not to exceed one (1) year, or both a fine
13 and term of imprisonment. In addition to said criminal penalties,
14 any person, firm, partnership or corporation violating any
15 provision of this article shall be responsible for any and all
16 injuries, deaths and property damage caused by or resulting from
17 illegal fireworks sold by such person, firm, partnership or
18 corporation which is prohibited by this article within the State
19 of Mississippi, and any injured person or his legal



20 representatives, shall have a right to bring a civil action
21 against the dealer, distributor or manufacturer or person who sold
22 said fireworks, whether said dealer, distributor or manufacturer
23 or person be located in this state or not. Any dealer,
24 distributor or manufacturer or person located outside of this
25 state who shall sell fireworks in Mississippi shall make,
26 constitute and appoint the Secretary of State as their lawful
27 agent for service of process in any civil proceeding brought under
28 the provisions of this article, to recover all damages caused or
29 resulting from the sale of any fireworks prohibited by this
30 article.

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

