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To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2099

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-17-42, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT THE CRIME OF MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT SHALL BE A
3 FELONY; TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR THE COMMISSION OF MOTOR
4 VEHICLE THEFT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-17-42, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 97-17-42. (1) Any person who shall, willfully and without
9 authority, take possession of or take away a motor vehicle of any
10 value belonging to another, with intent to either permanently or
11 temporarily convert it or to permanently or temporarily deprive
12 the owner of possession or ownership, and any person who knowingly
13 shall aid and abet in the taking possession or taking away of the
14 motor vehicle, shall be guilty of * * * a felony and shall
15 be * * * fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or
16 imprisoned in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a
17 term of not less than five (5) years but not to exceed twenty (20)
18 years, or both.



19 (2) Any person convicted under this section who causes
20 damage to any motor vehicle shall be ordered by the court to pay
21 restitution to the owner or owners of the motor vehicle or
22 vehicles damaged in the amount of damages caused to the vehicle
23 and reasonable repair costs.

24 (3) This section shall not apply to the enforcement of a
25 security interest in a motor vehicle.

26 (4) Any person who shall be convicted for a second or
27 subsequent offense under this section shall be fined not more than
28 Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), or imprisoned in the * * *
29 custody of the Department of Corrections for a term * * * of not
30 less than ten (10) years but not to exceed forty (40) years, or
31 both.

32 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
33 and after July 1, 2023.

