

By: Senator(s) Thompson, Carter

To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2308
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 17-1-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE MUNICIPALITIES TO ASSESS ADMINISTRATIVE OR CIVIL
3 PENALTIES FOR ZONING VIOLATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 17-1-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 17-1-27. (1) Any person, firm or corporation who shall
8 knowingly and * * * willfully violate the terms, conditions or
9 provisions of a zoning ordinance adopted under the authority of
10 Sections 17-1-1 through 17-1-25, inclusive, for violation of which
11 no other criminal penalty is prescribed, shall be guilty of a
12 misdemeanor and upon conviction therefor shall be sentenced to pay
13 a fine * * * not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and in
14 case of continuing violations without reasonable effort on the
15 part of the defendant to correct same, each day the violation
16 continues thereafter shall be a separate offense.

17 (2) A municipality may, in its discretion and in lieu of
18 assessing a misdemeanor criminal penalty for a violation of such



19 zoning ordinance, assess an administrative or civil penalty not to
20 exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

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

