

By: Representative Summers

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1074

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-7-75, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 INCREASE PENALTIES FOR TERRORISTIC THREATS MADE AGAINST AN  
3 AIRPORT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-7-75, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 97-7-75. (1) This section shall be known and may be cited  
8 as the "Mississippi Terroristic Threats Law."

9 (2) (a) A person commits the offense of making a  
10 terroristic threat when the person makes a threat to commit a  
11 crime of violence or a threat to cause bodily injury to another  
12 person if the threat does in fact cause a reasonable expectation  
13 or reasonable fear of the imminent commission of an offense and  
14 if, in making the threat, the person has the intent to:

15 (i) Intimidate or coerce a civilian population or  
16 segment of a civilian population; or

17 (ii) Influence or affect, by intimidation or  
18 coercion, the policy or conduct of a unit of government,



19 educational institution, business or segment of the civilian  
20 population.

21 (b) It is not a defense to a prosecution under this  
22 section that, at the time the defendant made the terroristic  
23 threat, the defendant did not have the intent or capability to  
24 actually commit the specified offense, nor is it a defense that  
25 the threat was not made to a person who was a subject or intended  
26 victim of the threatened act.

27 (3) A person convicted of the offense of making a  
28 terroristic threat is guilty of a felony punishable by  
29 imprisonment in the custody of the Mississippi Department of  
30 Corrections for not more than ten (10) years. If a threat is made  
31 against an airport, there will be an additional five (5) years  
32 added to a person's sentence under this act.

33 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
34 and after July 1, 2024.

