

By: Representatives Horan, McLean

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1441  
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-37-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REVISE THE TERM OF IMPRISONMENT FOR USE OF A FIREARM DURING THE  
3 COMMISSION OF A FELONY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-37-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 97-37-37. (1) Except to the extent that a greater minimum  
8 sentence is otherwise provided by any other provision of law, any  
9 person who uses or displays a firearm during the commission of any  
10 felony that is not defined as a crime of violence in Section  
11 97-3-2 shall, in addition to the punishment provided for such  
12 felony, be sentenced to an additional term of imprisonment in the  
13 custody of the Department of Corrections of five (5) years \* \* \*.

14 (2) Except to the extent that a greater minimum sentence is  
15 otherwise provided by any other provision of law, any convicted  
16 felon who uses or displays a firearm during the commission of any  
17 felony that is defined as a crime of violence in Section 97-3-2  
18 shall, in addition to the punishment provided for such felony, be



19 sentenced to an additional term of imprisonment in the custody of  
20 the Department of Corrections of \* \* \* twenty (20) years, to run  
21 consecutively, not concurrently, which sentence shall not be  
22 reduced or suspended.

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

