

By: Senator(s) Thompson, Carter

To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2196

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-7-75, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE AN ENHANCED SENTENCE OF IMPRISONMENT FOR A PERSON WHO  
3 MAKES A TERRORISTIC THREAT AGAINST AN AIRPORT; AND FOR RELATED  
4 PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

28 (3) (a) A person convicted of the offense of making a  
29 terroristic threat is guilty of a felony punishable by  
30 imprisonment in the custody of the Mississippi Department of  
31 Corrections for not more than ten (10) years.

32 (b) A person convicted of the offense of making a  
33 terroristic threat where the threat is made against an airport as  
34 defined by Section 61-1-3 shall be punished by imprisonment for a  
35 term of five (5) years in the custody of the Mississippi  
36 Department of Corrections in addition to the term of imprisonment  
37 imposed under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

38 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
39 and after its passage.

