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To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 604

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO STOPS OR
2 OTHERWISE DETAINS A PERSON FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME TO ARTICULATE
3 THE REASON OR REASONS FOR SUCH STOP OR DETENTION TO THE PERSON
4 DURING THE TIME OF THE STOP OR DETENTION; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) The following words shall have the following
8 meanings described herein:

9 (a) "Law enforcement officer" means the same as defined
10 in Section 45-6-3, and includes any other person who has the
11 authority of law to stop or otherwise detain a person if the
12 failure or refusal of the person to stop or be detained could
13 result in criminal penalties to the person.

14 (b) "Stop" means any hinderance of a person's movement,
15 interruption of movement or form of detention by a law enforcement
16 officer for any reason including consensual or nonconsensual
17 searches of the person's body or property in the person's
18 possession or control.



19 (2) When a law enforcement officer stops any person for any
20 reason, such law enforcement officer or officers, as applicable,
21 shall articulate the reason or reasons for such stop during the
22 time of the stop.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
24 and after July 1, 2025.

