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To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 56

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-17-14, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCLUDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL
3 PERSONNEL IN THE OFFENSE OF AGGRAVATED ASSAULT UPON FIREMEN; AND
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 97-17-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 97-17-14. Any person or persons who willfully, feloniously
9 and maliciously set fire to or burn or cause to be burned or who
10 aid, counsel or procure the burning of any commercial or
11 residential building, whether occupied, unoccupied or vacant or
12 any kitchen, shop, barn, stable, outhouse, vehicle, or wood,
13 meadow, marsh, field or prairie, whether the property of the
14 person or persons setting the fire or of another, and thereby
15 cause serious bodily injury to a fire fighter, law enforcement
16 officer or any emergency medical personnel while said fire
17 fighter, law enforcement officer or emergency personnel is acting
18 within the scope of his duty and office, whether said injury shall
19 be intentional or unintentional, shall be guilty of aggravated
20 assault and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of
21 not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment
22 for not more than ten (10) years in the Penitentiary or by both

23 such fine and imprisonment.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after July 1, 2000.