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HOUSE BILL NO. 217

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-17-67, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE PENALTY FOR MALICIOUS MISCHIEF; AND FOR RELATED
3 PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 97-17-67, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 97-17-67. Every person who shall maliciously or
8 mischievously destroy, disfigure, or injure, or cause to be
9 destroyed, disfigured, or injured, any property of another, either
10 real or personal, shall be guilty of malicious mischief and, upon
11 conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than Five Hundred
12 Dollars (\$500.00) or be imprisoned not exceeding twelve (12)
13 months in the county jail, or both. Anyone who by any word, deed
14 or act directly or indirectly urges, aids, abets, suggests or
15 otherwise instills in the mind of another the will to so act shall
16 be considered a principal in the commission of said crime and
17 shall be punished in the same manner.

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