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To: Public Health and  
Welfare

HOUSE BILL NO. 588

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT SMOKING IN NEW CAPITOL BUILDING; TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT THIS ACT SHALL BE ENFORCED BY THE CAPITOL POLICE AND  
3 THE SERGEANTS AT ARMS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE  
4 SENATE; TO PROVIDE CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT; AND  
5 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, the term "smoke" or  
8 "smoking" means to inhale, exhale, burn, carry or otherwise  
9 possess any lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or any other object or  
10 device of any form that contains lighted tobacco or any other  
11 smoking product.

12 (2) No person shall smoke in the New Capitol Building.

13 (3) The Capitol Police and the Sergeants at Arms of the  
14 House of Representatives and the Senate shall not permit smoking  
15 in the New Capitol Building and shall use reasonable efforts to  
16 prevent smoking in the New Capitol Building, including, but not  
17 limited to, the following:

18 (a) Posting appropriate signs informing state  
19 employees, invitees, guests and other persons that smoking is  
20 prohibited in the New Capitol Building; and

21 (b) Securing the removal of persons who smoke in the  
22 New Capitol Building.

23           (4) Any person who violates subsection (2) of this section  
24 shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than One Hundred  
25 Dollars (\$100.00) for each violation.

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