

By: Moore (60th)

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1415
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-37-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE MANUFACTURE, SALE, POSSESSION AND USE OF SILENCERS
3 ON FIREARMS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 97-37-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:[LR1]

7 97-37-31. It shall be unlawful for any person, persons,
8 corporation or manufacturing establishment, not duly authorized
9 under federal law, to make, manufacture, sell or possess any
10 instrument or device which, if used on firearms of any kind, will
11 arrest or muffle * * * the report of said firearm when shot or
12 fired or armor piercing ammunition as defined in federal law.

13 * * * Any person * * * violating this section shall be guilty of a
14 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined * * * not more
15 than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or imprisoned in the
16 penitentiary not * * * more than thirty (30) days, or both. All
17 such instruments or devices shall be registered with the
18 Department of Public Safety and any law enforcement agency in
19 possession of such instruments or devices shall submit an annual
20 inventory of such instruments and devices to the Department of
21 Public Safety. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall document
22 the information required by this section.

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