

By: Representative Snowden

To: Judiciary B

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1307

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-17-87, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR TRESPASS AS APPLIED TO AIRPORTS;  
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 97-17-87, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 97-17-87. (1) Any person who shall be guilty of a wilful or  
8 malicious trespass upon the real or personal property of another,  
9 for which no other penalty is prescribed, shall, upon conviction,  
10 be fined not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or  
11 imprisoned not longer than six (6) months in the county jail, or  
12 both.

13 (2) (a) Any person who shall wilfully trespass upon any air  
14 operations area or sterile area of an airport serving the general  
15 public shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction,  
16 shall be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or  
17 imprisoned in the county jail for up to one (1) year, or both.

18 (b) Any person who violates the provisions of the  
19 paragraph (a) while in the unlawful possession of a firearm or  
20 other deadly weapon shall be guilty of a felony and, upon  
21 conviction, shall be fined not less than One Thousand Dollars  
22 (\$1,000.00) nor more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or  
23 imprisoned in the State Penitentiary for up to five (5) years.

24 (c) For the purposes of subsection (2) of this section  
25 "air operations area" means a portion of an airport designed and  
26 used for landing, taking off, or surface maneuvering of airplanes;  
27 and "sterile area" means an area to which access is controlled by



28 the inspection of persons and property in accordance with an  
29 approved security program.

30 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
31 and after its passage.

