

By: Representative Snowden

To: Judiciary B

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 shall be guilty of a
15 misdemeanor and; upon conviction, shall be fined One Thousand
16 Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned in the county jail for up to one
17 (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.