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To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1298

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT KNOWINGLY EXPOSING ANOTHER PERSON TO A  
2 SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS  
3 OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to  
6 knowingly expose another person to a sexually transmitted disease.

7 (2) For a violation of this section where no vaccine is  
8 available for a sexually transmitted disease such violation shall  
9 be a felony and, upon conviction, a violator shall be punished by  
10 imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years and a fine of not  
11 more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

12 (3) For a violation of this section where a vaccine is  
13 available for a sexually transmitted disease such violation shall  
14 be a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, a violator shall be  
15 punished by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year and a fine  
16 of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

17 (4) The provisions of this section shall be in addition to  
18 any other provisions of law for which the actions described in  
19 this section may be prosecuted.

20 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
21 and after July 1, 2004.