

By: Representative Bondurant

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 437

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF DISCHARGING A
2 FIREARM INTO AN AIRCRAFT; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; TO
3 PROVIDE ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR DISCHARGING A FIREARM INTO A LAW
4 ENFORCEMENT AIRCRAFT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Any person who shall discharge a firearm into an
7 aircraft shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony and shall
8 be punished by imprisonment for twenty (20) years in the
9 Penitentiary and fined Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). If the
10 aircraft is owned or operated by any law enforcement agency, the
11 penalty for a violation shall be imprisonment for fifty (50) years
12 in the State Penitentiary and fined Twenty Thousand Dollars
13 (\$20,000.00).

14 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
15 and after July 1, 2005.