

By: Senator(s) Dawkins

To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2015

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 97-3-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO CREATE THE CRIME OF INDECENT ASSAULT AGAINST A PERSON OF
3 ANY AGE IF DONE WITHOUT CONSENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
6 97-3-8, Mississippi Code of 1972:

7 97-3-8. (1) A person is guilty of indecent assault if the
8 person knowingly and intentionally touches another person on the
9 breast, buttock, genital area or anal area without the consent of
10 the other person who is so touched, and, upon conviction, the
11 person violating this section shall be punished by imprisonment in
12 the county jail for not more than one (1) year.

13 (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent
14 prosecution of any person under Section 97-5-23, Mississippi Code
15 of 1972.

16 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
17 and after July 1, 2007.