

**Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund
Mandatory Assessments**



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When is the \$1,000.00 assessment required?

Pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated Section 99-19-75(2), \$1,000.00 assessments “**shall** be imposed and collected from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for any violation of” the following – for both **felony and misdemeanors**:

- Miss. Code Ann. § 97-3-54.1 – Human Trafficking
- Miss. Code Ann. § 97-3-65 – Statutory rape; forcible sexual intercourse
- Miss. Code Ann. § 97-3-95 – Sexual battery
- Miss. Code Ann. § 97-5-1 et seq. – Offenses affecting children
- Miss. Code Ann. § 97-29-51 – Procuring and promoting prostitution

An assessment of \$1,000.00 **shall** also be imposed for **felony** violations of Section 97-3-7 – simple and aggravated assault; simple and aggravated domestic violence.

When does a court have discretion to assess between \$100.00 and \$1,000.00?

For **misdemeanor** violations of Section 97-3-7 – simple and aggravated assault; simple and aggravated domestic violence – an assessment not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$1000.00 **shall** be imposed.

Miss. Code Ann. § 99-19-75 leaves it to the discretion of the court whether assessments to the Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund may be paid by the defendant in installments.

****Note**, all assessments to the Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund are in addition to assessments for the Mississippi Children’s Trust Fund, and the convictions are for all victim types (not only children).**

These assessments are effective July 1, 2025, pursuant to H.B. 1189 (2025 Regular Session).

Make checks payable to: “Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund”

Send payments to:

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