

By: Representative Stevens

To: Insurance; Judiciary
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-1-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 EXEMPT COMPLAINTS AND CERTAIN OTHER INFORMATION FILED WITH THE
3 COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE FROM THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 83-1-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 83-1-21. The commissioner shall keep in his office for
9 public inspection all reports received by him, a record of all his
10 proceedings, including a concise statement of the result of
11 official examinations, an exhibit of the financial condition and
12 methods of all insurers under his supervision, as disclosed by
13 their statements or by official examination, and such other
14 information with regard to them as he may deem it proper to
15 preserve. However, all complaints or other information filed with
16 the Commissioner of Insurance or his staff shall be considered
17 exempt from the Mississippi Public Records Act. However, if a
18 third party requests the information, the commissioner shall
19 produce under subpoena the files after deleting all personal
20 information pertaining to the complaining party. The requesting
21 party shall be responsible for the cost of reproducing these
22 materials.

23 Such reports or records which are no longer useful or
24 necessary may be disposed of in accordance with approved records
25 control schedules. No records, however, may be destroyed without
26 the approval of the Director of the Department of Archives and
27 History.

28 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
29 and after July 1, 1999.