

By: Representative Stevens

To: Judiciary B

## HOUSE BILL NO. 86

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-39-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REVISE NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF  
3 A BAIL AGENT'S LICENSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 83-39-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 83-39-17. Before any license shall be refused or suspended  
8 or revoked, or the renewal thereof refused hereunder, the  
9 commissioner shall give notice of his intention to do so, by  
10 certified mail, to the applicant or licensee and to the insurer or  
11 professional bail agent appointing or employing the applicant or  
12 licensee, as the case may be, and shall set a date, not less than  
13 ten (10) days from the date of mailing the notice, when the  
14 applicant or licensee and a duly authorized representative of the  
15 insurer or professional bail agent may appear to be heard and  
16 produce evidence. This notice shall constitute automatic  
17 suspension of license. In the conduct of the hearing, the  
18 commissioner or any regular salaried employee specially designated  
19 by him for this purpose shall have power to administer oaths, to  
20 require the appearance of and examine any person under oath, and  
21 to require the production of books, records, or papers relevant to  
22 the inquiry upon his own initiative or upon the request of the  
23 applicant or licensee. Upon the termination of the hearing,  
24 findings shall be reduced to writing and, upon approval by the  
25 commissioner, shall be filed in his office and notice of the  
26 findings sent by certified mail to the applicant or licensee and

27 the insurer or professional bail agent concerned.

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