

By: Representative Martinson

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 888

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-2-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 DELETE THE PROVISIONS THAT PERMIT A FINE TO BE IMPOSED FOR A
3 VIOLATION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE SEAT BELT LAW ONLY IF THE VIOLATOR
4 IS ALSO CHARGED AND CONVICTED OF SOME OTHER OFFENSE; TO INCREASE
5 THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF THE FINE THAT MAY BE IMPOSED FOR A
6 VIOLATION OF THE SEAT BELT LAW BY MORE THAN ONE MOTOR VEHICLE
7 OCCUPANT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. Section 63-2-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 63-2-7. (1) A violation of this chapter shall be a
12 misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)
13 upon conviction; however, only the operator of a vehicle may be
14 fined for a violation of this chapter by the operator or for a
15 violation of this chapter by a passenger. * * * The maximum fine
16 that may be imposed against the operator of a vehicle for a
17 violation of this chapter by the operator or for a violation of
18 this chapter by one or more passengers shall be Fifty Dollars
19 (\$50.00) in the aggregate.

20 (2) A violation of this chapter shall not be entered on the
21 driving record of any individual so convicted, nor shall any state
22 assessment provided for by Section 99-19-73, or any other state
23 law, be imposed or collected.

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