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To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 284

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-1-153, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS FROM THE JURISDICTION OF  
3 THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 83-1-153, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 83-1-153. (1) The provisions of Sections 83-1-151 through  
8 83-1-169 shall apply to:

9 (a) All domestic insurers, and

10 (b) Any other insurer doing business in this state  
11 whose state of domicile has asked the commissioner to apply the  
12 provisions of Sections 83-1-151 through 83-1-169 to such insurer.

13 (2) The provisions of Sections 83-1-151 through 83-1-169  
14 shall not apply to a religious publication, or its subscribers,  
15 that:

16 (a) Is a nonprofit religious organization;

17 (b) Is limited to subscribers who are members of the  
18 same denomination or religion;

19 (c) Acts as an organizational clearinghouse for  
20 information between subscribers who have financial, physical or  
21 medical needs and subscribers who choose to assist with those

22 needs, matching subscribers with the present ability to pay with  
23 subscribers with a present financial or medical need;

24 (d) Pays for the subscriber's financial or medical  
25 needs by payments directly from one (1) subscriber to another; and

26 (e) Suggests amounts to give that are voluntary among  
27 the subscribers, with no assumption of risk or promise to pay  
28 either among the subscribers or between the subscribers and the  
29 publication.

30 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
31 and after July 1, 2000.