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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 620

1 Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting
2 in lieu thereof the following:
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4 SECTION 1. Section 63-15-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
5 amended as follows:[BD1]

6 63-15-1. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the
7 "Mississippi Motor Vehicle Compulsory Safety-Responsibility Law."

8 SECTION 2. Section 63-3-411, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 63-3-411. (1) The driver of a vehicle involved in an
11 accident resulting in injury to or death of any person or total
12 property damage to an apparent extent of Five Hundred Dollars
13 (\$500.00) or more shall immediately, by the quickest means of
14 communication, give notice of the collision to the local police
15 department if the collision occurs within an incorporated
16 municipality, or if the collision occurs outside of an
17 incorporated municipality to the nearest sheriff's office or
18 highway patrol station.

19 (2) All drivers of vehicles involved in an accident
20 resulting in injury to or death of any person or total property
21 damage to an apparent extent of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)
22 or more shall forward within fifteen (15) working days after such
23 accident, a written report of such accident to the department.
24 The investigating officer shall furnish all drivers an accident
25 report form as provided in Section 63-15-9 and shall provide to
26 such drivers instructions as to when such report must be completed
27 and submitted to the department.

28 (3) The department may require any driver of a vehicle
29 involved in an accident, of which report must be made as provided
30 in this section, to file supplemental reports whenever the
31 original report is insufficient in the opinion of the department.
32 Additionally, the department may require witnesses of accidents to
33 render reports to the department.

34 (4) It shall be the duty of the highway patrol or the
35 sheriff's office to investigate all accidents required to be
36 reported by this section when the accident occurs outside the
37 corporate limits of a municipality, and it shall be the duty of
38 the police department of each municipality to investigate all
39 accidents required to be reported by this section when the
40 accidents occur within the corporate limits of the municipality.

41 Every law enforcement officer who investigates an accident as
42 required by this subsection, whether the investigation is made at
43 the scene of the accident or by subsequent investigation and
44 interviews, shall forward within ten (10) working days after the
45 date of the accident a written report of the accident to the
46 department if the accident occurred outside the corporate limits
47 of a municipality, or to the police department of the municipality
48 if the accident occurred within the corporate limits of such
49 municipality. Police departments shall forward such reports to
50 the department within ten (10) working days of the date of the

51 accident. If the appropriate law enforcement agency fails to
52 submit the reports as required by this subsection or to furnish
53 the accident report forms to the drivers as required in subsection
54 (2) of this section, then the department may assess the agency
55 with an administrative penalty of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).
56 Any agency so penalized may make a written request to the
57 department for a hearing. Such hearing shall be held in
58 accordance with rules and regulations that are adopted by the
59 department and that are in compliance with due process of law.
60 The funds from such penalties collected by the Department of
61 Public Safety shall be deposited in the State General Fund in the
62 State Treasury and shall be subject to the annual legislative
63 appropriation process.

64 (5) The Department of Public Safety shall develop procedures
65 to ensure that the reports required by this section are made a
66 part of the files of the department.

67 (6) Whenever an engineer of a railroad locomotive, or other
68 person in charge of a train, is required to show proof of his
69 identity under the provisions of this article, in connection with
70 operation of such locomotive, to any law enforcement officer, such
71 person shall not be required to display his operator's or
72 chauffeur's license but shall display his railroad employee
73 number.

74 (7) In addition to the information required on the
75 "statewide uniform traffic accident report" forms provided by
76 Section 63-3-415, the department shall require the parties
77 involved in an accident and the witnesses of such accident to
78 furnish their phone numbers in order to assist the investigation
79 by law enforcement officers.

80 SECTION 3. Section 63-15-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
81 amended as follows:[LR2]

82 63-15-3. The following words and phrases, when used in this
83 chapter, shall, for the purposes of this chapter, have the
84 meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section, except in
85 those instances where the context clearly indicates a different
86 meaning:

87 (a) "Highway" means the entire width between property
88 lines of any road, street, way, thoroughfare, or bridge in the
89 State of Mississippi not privately owned or controlled, when any
90 part thereof is open to the public for vehicular traffic and over
91 which the state has legislative jurisdiction under its police
92 power.

93 (b) "Judgment" means any judgment which shall have
94 become final by expiration, without appeal, of the time within
95 which an appeal might have been perfected, or by final affirmation
96 on appeal, rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction of any
97 state or of the United States, upon a cause of action arising out
98 of the ownership, maintenance or use of any motor vehicle, for
99 damages, including damages for care and loss of services, because
100 of bodily injury to or death of any person, or for damages because
101 of injury to or destruction of property, including the loss of use
102 thereof, or upon a cause of action on an agreement of settlement
103 for such damages.

104 (c) "Motor vehicle" means every self-propelled vehicle
105 (other than traction engines, road rollers and graders, tractor
106 cranes, power shovels, well drillers and implements of husbandry)
107 which is designed for use upon a highway, including trailers and
108 semi-trailers designed for use with such vehicles, and every

109 vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained from
110 overhead wires but not operated upon rails.

111 For purposes of this definition, "implements of
112 husbandry" shall not include trucks, pick-up trucks, trailers and
113 semi-trailers designed for use with such trucks and pick-up
114 trucks.

115 (d) "License" means any driver's, operator's,
116 commercial operator's, or chauffeur's license, temporary
117 instruction permit or temporary license, or restricted license,
118 issued under the laws of the State of Mississippi pertaining to
119 the licensing of persons to operate motor vehicles.

120 (e) "Nonresident" means every person who is not a
121 resident of the State of Mississippi.

122 (f) "Nonresident's operating privilege" means the
123 privilege conferred upon a nonresident by the laws of Mississippi
124 pertaining to the operation by him of a motor vehicle, or the use
125 of a motor vehicle owned by him, in the State of Mississippi.

126 (g) "Operator" means every person who is in actual
127 physical control of a motor vehicle.

128 (h) "Owner" means a person who holds the legal title of
129 a motor vehicle; in the event a motor vehicle is the subject of an
130 agreement for the conditional sale or lease thereof with the right
131 of purchase upon performance of the conditions stated in the
132 agreement and with an immediate right of possession vested in the
133 conditional vendee or lessee or in the event a mortgagor of a
134 vehicle is entitled to possession, then such conditional vendee or
135 lessee or mortgagor shall be deemed the owner for the purpose of
136 this chapter.

137 (i) "Person" means every natural person, firm,
138 copartnership, association or corporation.

139 (j) "Proof of financial responsibility" means proof of
140 ability to respond in damages for liability, on account of
141 accidents occurring subsequent to the effective date of said
142 proof, arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of a motor
143 vehicle, in the amount of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars
144 (\$25,000.00) because of bodily injury to or death of one (1)
145 person in any one (1) accident, and subject to said limit for one
146 (1) person, in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00)
147 because of bodily injury to or death of two (2) or more persons in
148 any one (1) accident, and in the amount of Twenty-five Thousand
149 Dollars (\$25,000.00) because of injury to or destruction of
150 property of others in any one (1) accident.

151 (k) "Registration" means a certificate or certificates
152 and registration plates issued under the laws of this state
153 pertaining to the registration of motor vehicles.

154 (l) "Department" means the Department of Public Safety
155 of the State of Mississippi, acting directly or through its
156 authorized officers and agents, except in such sections of this
157 chapter in which some other state department is specifically
158 named.

159 (m) "State" means any state, territory or possession of
160 the United States, the District of Columbia, or any province of
161 the Dominion of Canada.

162 SECTION 4. Section 63-15-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
163 amended as follows:

164 63-15-9. The operator of every motor vehicle which is in any
165 manner involved in an accident within this state, in which any
166 person is killed or injured or in which damage to the property of
167 any one (1) person, other than himself, in excess of One Thousand
168 Dollars (\$1,000.00) is sustained, shall within fifteen (15)
169 working days after such accident report the matter in writing to
170 the department, in accordance with the laws of this state. Such

171 report, the form of which shall be prescribed by the department,
172 shall contain information to enable the department to determine
173 whether the requirements for the deposit of security under Section
174 63-15-11 are inapplicable by reason of the existence of insurance
175 or other exceptions specified in this chapter. The reports
176 required herein shall be furnished to each of the drivers involved
177 in an accident as provided in Section 63-3-411. Such report shall
178 contain, but not be limited to, the following notification and
179 request for information:

180 "It is compulsory that you complete and mail the SR-1 (short
181 form) motor vehicle accident report to the Department of Public
182 Safety, Safety Responsibility Branch, within fifteen (15) working
183 days of the date of this accident.

184 Failure to file the report within fifteen (15) working days
185 of receipt of this form shall subject you to an administrative
186 penalty of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) and the immediate
187 suspension of your driving privilege or registration, or both.
188 Upon payment of the administrative penalty and completion of the
189 report, your driving privilege or registration, or both, may be
190 reinstated, unless otherwise provided by law.

191 If you did not have motor vehicle liability insurance or
192 cannot otherwise show financial responsibility on the date of this
193 accident up to the liability limits set by law, you may be subject
194 to the suspension of your driving privilege or registration, or
195 both, and a Two Hundred Dollar (\$200.00) administrative penalty.
196 Such penalty may be waived and driving privilege or registration,
197 or both, reinstated if, within thirty (30) working days, you show
198 certified proof of purchase of motor vehicle liability insurance
199 in accordance with the requirements of the department.

200 On the day of the accident was the vehicle involved covered
201 by motor vehicle liability insurance? Yes _____ No _____

202 Name of insurance company: _____

203 Insurance policy number: _____

204 Name of insurance agency: _____

205 Was anyone seriously injured? Yes _____ No _____

206 Approximate cost to repair your vehicle: _____

207 Name of driver: _____

208 Driver's license number: _____

209 *Address of driver: _____

210 Name of person completing report: _____

211 Date: _____

212 _____
213 Signature of investigating officer
214 certifying that all drivers received
215 the SR-1 motor vehicle accident
216 report

217 *All drivers shall report a change of address to the
218 Department of Public Safety within five (5) working days of such
219 change."

220 Any written report of an accident in accordance with Article
221 9 of Chapter 3 of this title shall be sufficient, provided it also
222 contains the information required herein. The department may rely
223 upon the accuracy of the information unless and until it has
224 reason to believe that the information is erroneous. If such
225 operator be physically incapable of making such report, an
226 occupant in the motor vehicle at the time of the accident or the
227 owner of the motor vehicle shall make such report. The operator,
228 occupant or the owner shall furnish such additional relevant
229 information as the department shall require.

230 SECTION 5. Section 63-15-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
231 amended as follows:

232 63-15-11. (1) If twenty (20) working days after the receipt

233 of a report of a motor vehicle accident in this state which has
234 resulted in bodily injury or death, or damage to the property of
235 any one (1) person in excess of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00),
236 the department does not have on file evidence satisfactory to it
237 that the person who would otherwise be required to file security
238 under subsection (2) of this section has been finally adjudicated
239 not to be liable, or has executed a duly acknowledged written
240 agreement providing for the payment of an agreed amount in
241 installments with respect to all claims for injuries or damages
242 resulting from the accident, the department shall determine the
243 amount of security which shall be sufficient in its judgment to
244 satisfy any judgment or judgments for damages resulting from such
245 accident as may be recovered against each operator or owner.

246 (2) The department, after all provisions of Sections
247 63-3-411 and 63-15-9 have been complied with by the proper
248 authorities, shall levy an administrative penalty of Two Hundred
249 Dollars (\$200.00) upon each owner and suspend the license of each
250 operator and all registrations of each owner of a motor vehicle in
251 any manner involved in such accident, and if such operator is a
252 nonresident the privilege of operating a motor vehicle within this
253 state, and if such owner is a nonresident the privilege of the use
254 within this state of any motor vehicle owned by him, unless such
255 operator or owner or both shall deposit security in the sum so
256 determined by the department and shall also furnish proof of
257 financial responsibility. Notice of such suspension and
258 administrative penalty shall be sent by the department to such
259 operator and owner not less than ten (10) working days before the
260 effective date of such suspension and administrative penalty and
261 shall state the amount required as security. If such operator,
262 within thirty (30) working days of such notification, shows
263 certified proof of purchase of motor vehicle liability insurance
264 in the manner and the amounts required by law, his driving
265 privilege may be reinstated. If such owner, within thirty (30)
266 working days of such notification, shows certified proof of
267 purchase of motor vehicle liability insurance in the manner and
268 the amounts required by law, the administrative penalty may be
269 waived and his registration may be reinstated. Where erroneous
270 information is given the department with respect to the matters
271 set forth in subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of subsection (4) of
272 this section, it shall take appropriate action as hereinbefore
273 provided, within sixty (60) days after receipt by it of correct
274 information with respect to such matters.

275 (3) Any person so notified of suspension and administrative
276 penalty, in accordance with notification requirements in Section
277 63-1-52, may, within ten (10) working days after receipt of such
278 notification, make a written request to the department for a
279 hearing, and such request shall operate as a stay of any
280 suspension and administrative penalty pending the outcome of such
281 hearing. For the purposes of this section, the scope of such
282 hearing shall cover the issues of whether there is a reasonable
283 probability of a judgment being rendered against such person in a
284 lawsuit arising out of the accident and whether such person is
285 exempt from the requirement of depositing security under
286 subsection (4) of this section. At such hearing the department
287 may also consider the amount of security required to be deposited,
288 if any. The hearing shall be in accordance with rules and
289 regulations which shall be adopted by the department and furnished
290 to the operator or owner with the notice of suspension and
291 administrative penalty. For the purposes of this section, a
292 "hearing" may consist of a determination of such issues by the
293 department based solely on written reports submitted by the
294 operator or owner and by investigatory officers, provided that the

295 owner or operator, in his request to the department for a hearing,
296 has expressly consented to such type hearing and that the
297 department has consented thereto.

298 Any person whose suspension and administrative penalty has
299 been sustained shall have the right to appeal as provided in
300 Section 63-15-7. However, such suspension shall not be stayed by
301 the department or any court while such appeal is pending.

302 (4) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall not apply:
303 (1) to such operator or owner if such owner had in effect at the
304 time of such accident a liability policy with respect to the motor
305 vehicle involved in such accident; (2) to such operator, if not
306 the owner of such motor vehicle, if there was in effect at the
307 time of such accident a liability policy with respect to his
308 operation of motor vehicles not owned by him; (3) to such operator
309 or owner if the liability of such operator or owner for damages
310 resulting from such accident is, in the judgment of the
311 department, covered by any other form of liability insurance
312 policy or bond of a surety company authorized to do business in
313 this state; (4) to any person qualifying as a self-insurer under
314 Section 63-15-53, or to any person operating a motor vehicle for
315 such self-insurer; (5) to the operator or the owner of a motor
316 vehicle legally parked at the time of the accident; (6) to the
317 owner of a motor vehicle if at the time of the accident the
318 vehicle was stolen; or (7) to any person for whom the department
319 has found in the hearing provided for in subsection (3) of this
320 section, that there is not a reasonable probability of a judgment
321 being rendered against such person in a lawsuit arising out of the
322 accident.

323 No such policy shall be effective under this section unless
324 issued by an insurance company or surety company authorized to
325 write motor vehicle liability insurance in this state, except that
326 if such motor vehicle was not registered in this state, or was a
327 motor vehicle which was registered elsewhere than in this state at
328 the effective date of the policy or the most recent renewal
329 thereof, such policy shall not be effective under this section
330 unless the insurance company or surety company if not authorized
331 to do business in this state shall execute a power of attorney
332 authorizing the department to accept service on its behalf of
333 notice or process in any action upon such policy arising out of
334 such accident. However, every such policy shall be subject, if
335 the accident has resulted in bodily injury or death, to a limit,
336 exclusive of interest and cost, of not less than Twenty-five
337 Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) because of bodily injury to or death
338 of one (1) person in any one (1) accident and, subject to said
339 limit for one (1) person, to a limit of not less than Fifty
340 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) because of bodily injury to or death
341 of two (2) or more persons in any one (1) accident, and if the
342 accident has resulted in injury to or destruction of property, to
343 a limit of not less than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)
344 because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any
345 one (1) accident.

346 SECTION 6. Section 63-15-69, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
347 amended as follows:

348 63-15-69. (1) Where any person fails to report an accident
349 as required in Section 63-15-9, in addition to any other penalties
350 prescribed by law, the department shall administer an
351 administrative penalty of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) upon and
352 suspend the license of the person failing to make such report, or
353 the nonresident's operating privilege of such person, until such
354 report has been filed and the administrative penalty and any
355 reinstatement fees paid. The funds from any administrative
356 penalties collected by the Department of Public Safety under this

357 subsection shall be deposited in the State General Fund in the
358 State Treasury.

359 (2) Any person who gives information required in a report or
360 otherwise as provided for in Section 63-15-9, knowing or having
361 reason to believe that such information is false, or who shall
362 forge, or without authority, sign any evidence of proof of
363 financial responsibility, or who files or offers for filing any
364 such evidence of proof, knowing or having reason to believe that
365 it is forged or signed without authority, shall be fined not more
366 than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more
367 than one (1) year, or both, except where the statement may be made
368 under oath, in which case the person making the false statement
369 under oath shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalties for
370 perjury.

371 (3) Any person whose license or nonresident's operating
372 privilege has been suspended or revoked under this chapter, and
373 who, during such suspension or revocation drives any motor vehicle
374 upon any highway or knowingly permits any motor vehicle owned by
375 such person to be operated by another upon any highway, except as
376 permitted under this chapter, shall be fined not more than Five
377 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not exceeding six (6)
378 months, or both.

379 (4) Any person wilfully failing to return his license as
380 required in Section 63-15-67, shall be fined not more than Five
381 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not to exceed thirty (30)
382 days, or both.

383 (5) Any person who shall violate any provision of this
384 chapter for which no penalty is otherwise provided shall be fined
385 not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not
386 more than six (6) months, or both.

387 SECTION 7. Section 45-1-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
388 amended as follows:

389 45-1-5. The Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized and
390 empowered to employ such administrative, professional, technical,
391 stenographic, clerical and other employees as may be necessary to
392 perform the duties of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol to
393 comply with the provisions of the Mississippi Motor Vehicle
394 Compulsory Safety-Responsibility Law, being Chapter 15 of Title 63
395 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, and to perform the duties under
396 all other laws required to be administered under the supervision
397 of the commissioner. The commissioner shall fix the salaries of
398 all such employees where such salaries are not otherwise fixed by
399 law.

400 SECTION 8. Section 63-1-52, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
401 amended as follows:

402 63-1-52. (1) Whenever the Commissioner of Public Safety
403 suspends, cancels or revokes the driver's license or driving
404 privileges of any person, notice of the suspension, cancellation
405 or revocation shall be given to such person by the commissioner,
406 or his duly authorized agent, in the manner provided in subsection
407 (2) of this section and at the time provided in subsection (3) of
408 this section or in the manner and at the time provided in
409 subsection (4) of this section.

410 (2) Notice shall be given in the following manner:

411 (a) In writing, (i) by United States Certificate of
412 Mail; or (ii) by personal service at the person's address as it
413 appears on the driving record maintained by the Department of
414 Public Safety or at the person's last known address; or (iii) by
415 personal notice being given by any law enforcement officer of this
416 state or any duly authorized agent of the Commissioner of Public
417 Safety on forms prescribed and furnished by the Commissioner of
418 Public Safety; whenever a person's driver's license or driving

419 privileges are suspended, revoked or cancelled in accordance with
420 the Mississippi Driver License Compact Law, the Mississippi
421 Implied Consent Law, the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Compulsory
422 Safety Responsibility Law or paragraphs (2)(c), (2)(d), (2)(e) or
423 (2)(f) of Section 63-1-53.

424 (b) In writing, by United States first class mail,
425 whenever a person's driver's license or driving privileges are
426 suspended, revoked or cancelled in accordance with the Mississippi
427 Commercial Driver's License Law, the Youth Court Law, Chapter 23
428 of Title 43, Mississippi Code of 1972, Section 63-1-45, Section
429 63-1-51, paragraph (2)(g), (2)(h) or (2)(i) of Section 63-1-53 or
430 Section 63-9-25.

431 (3) Notice shall be given at the following time:

432 (a) Before suspension, revocation or cancellation,
433 whenever a person's driver's license or driving privileges are
434 suspended, revoked or cancelled in accordance with the Mississippi
435 Driver License Compact Law, the Mississippi Motor Vehicle
436 Compulsory Safety Responsibility Law or paragraph (2)(c), (2)(d),
437 (2)(e) or (2)(f) of Section 63-1-53.

438 (b) Unless otherwise specifically provided for by law,
439 at the time of suspension, revocation or cancellation, whenever a
440 person's driver's license or driving privileges are suspended,
441 revoked or cancelled in accordance with the Mississippi Commercial
442 Driver's License Law, the Mississippi Implied Consent Law, the
443 Youth Court Law, Chapter 23 of Title 43, Mississippi Code of 1972,
444 Section 63-1-45, Section 63-1-51, paragraph (2)(g), (2)(h) or
445 (2)(i) of Section 63-1-53 or Section 63-9-25.

446 (4) Whenever the Commissioner of Public Safety suspends,
447 revokes or cancels the driver's license or driving privileges of
448 any person in accordance with some provision of law other than a
449 provision of law referred to in subsections (2) and (3) of this
450 section, and the manner and time for giving notice is not provided
451 for in such law, then notice of such suspension, revocation or
452 cancellation shall be given in the manner and at the time provided
453 for under paragraphs (2)(b) and (3)(b) of this section.

454 SECTION 9. Section 83-11-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
455 amended as follows:[BD3]

456 83-11-101. (1) No automobile liability insurance policy or
457 contract shall be issued or delivered after January 1, 1967,
458 unless it contains an endorsement or provisions undertaking to pay
459 the insured all sums which he shall be legally entitled to recover
460 as damages for bodily injury or death from the owner or operator
461 of an uninsured motor vehicle, within limits which shall be no
462 less than those set forth in the Mississippi Motor Vehicle
463 Compulsory Safety Responsibility Law, as amended, under provisions
464 approved by the Commissioner of Insurance; however, at the option
465 of the insured, the uninsured motorist limits may be increased to
466 limits not to exceed those provided in the policy of bodily injury
467 liability insurance of the insured or such lesser limits as the
468 insured elects to carry over the minimum requirement set forth by
469 this section. The coverage herein required shall not be
470 applicable where any insured named in the policy shall reject the
471 coverage in writing and provided further, that unless the named
472 insured requests such coverage in writing, such coverage need not
473 be provided in any renewal policy where the named insured had
474 rejected the coverage in connection with a policy previously
475 issued to him by the same insurer.

476 (2) No automobile liability insurance policy or contract
477 shall be issued or delivered after January 1, 1980, unless it
478 contains an endorsement or provisions undertaking to pay the
479 insured all sums which he shall be legally entitled to recover as
480 damages for property damage from the owner or operator of an

481 uninsured motor vehicle, within limits which shall be no less than
482 those set forth in the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Compulsory Safety
483 Responsibility Law, as amended, under provisions approved by the
484 Commissioner of Insurance; however, at the option of the insured,
485 the uninsured motorist limits may be increased to limits not to
486 exceed those provided in the policy of property damage liability
487 insurance of the insured or such lesser limits as the insured
488 elects to carry over the minimum requirement set forth by this
489 section. The coverage herein required shall not be applicable
490 where any insured named in the policy shall reject the coverage in
491 writing and provided further, that unless the named insured
492 requests such coverage in writing, such coverage need not be
493 provided in any renewal policy where the named insured had
494 rejected the coverage in connection with a policy previously
495 issued to him by the same insurer.

496 The property damage provision may provide an exclusion for
497 the first Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) of such property damage;
498 however, the uninsured motorist provision need not insure any
499 liability for property damage, for which loss the policyholder has
500 been compensated by insurance or otherwise.

501 (3) The insured may reject the property damage liability
502 insurance coverage required by subsection (2) and retain the
503 bodily injury liability insurance coverage required by subsection
504 (1), but if the insured rejects the bodily injury liability
505 coverage he may not retain the property damage liability coverage.

506 No insured may have property damage liability insurance coverage
507 under this section unless he also has bodily injury liability
508 insurance coverage under this section.

509 SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from
510 and after January 1, 2001.

511 **Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and**
512 **inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

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514
515 AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE MISSISSIPPI MOTOR
516VEHICLE SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY LAW; TO AMEND SECTION 63-15-1,
517MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE
518KNOWN AS THE "MISSISSIPPI MOTOR VEHICLE COMPULSORY
519SAFETY-RESPONSIBILITY LAW"; TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-411, MISSISSIPPI
520CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THAT INVESTIGATING LAW ENFORCEMENT
521OFFICERS SHALL FURNISH ALL DRIVERS INVOLVED IN CERTAIN ACCIDENTS
522WITH ACCIDENT REPORT FORMS; TO REQUIRE THE INVESTIGATING OFFICERS
523TO SUBMIT THEIR WRITTEN REPORTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
524WITHIN TEN WORKING DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE ACCIDENT; TO PROVIDE
525FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY ON THE APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT
526AGENCY THAT DOES NOT COMPLY; TO AMEND SECTION 63-15-3, MISSISSIPPI
527CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE MINIMUM AMOUNTS OF COVERAGE REQUIRED FOR
528PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY; TO AMEND SECTION 63-15-9,

529MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT
530REPORT FORM TO NOTIFY CERTAIN DRIVERS THAT FAILURE TO FILE THE
531REPORT OR FAILURE TO HAVE MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE OR
532OTHERWISE SHOW FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY UP TO THE LIABILITY LIMITS
533SET BY LAW MAY SUBJECT THEM TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY IN
534ADDITION TO LICENSE SUSPENSION; TO AMEND SECTION 63-15-11,
535MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF DAMAGES BEFORE
536REQUIRING FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM
537AMOUNTS OF COVERAGE REQUIRED FOR PROOF OF FINANCIAL
538RESPONSIBILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES
539FOR FAILURE TO SHOW FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR A
540WAIVER OF PENALTIES UPON PROOF OF PURCHASE OF MOTOR VEHICLE
541LIABILITY INSURANCE; TO AMEND SECTION 63-15-69, MISSISSIPPI CODE
542OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES ON
543PERSONS FAILING TO FILE REPORTS OF ACCIDENTS; TO AMEND SECTIONS
54445-1-5, 63-1-52 AND 83-11-101, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN
545CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.