

By: Stevens

To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 852  
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-17-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO IMPOSE FINES ON  
3 COMPANIES WHO USE UNLICENSED AGENTS OR ON UNLICENSED AGENTS, OR  
4 BOTH; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 83-17-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:[HS1]

8 83-17-11. (1) For violation of Sections 83-17-7 to  
9 83-17-15, the commissioner shall have the authority to revoke the  
10 license of the agent or company violating same, for not less than  
11 three (3) nor more than six (6) months for the first offense, and  
12 for one (1) year for the second offense.

13 (2) In lieu of, or in addition to, the revocations provided  
14 for in subsection (1) of this section, the commissioner may fine  
15 the company or the agent, or both, for violations of Sections  
16 83-17-1 through 83-17-15. Any fines levied against the agent or  
17 companies, or both, shall be up to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)  
18 for each agent and Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for each  
19 company per violation of state law or department regulation. The  
20 funds from such fines shall be deposited into the special fund in  
21 the State Treasury designated as the "Insurance Department Fund."

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