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AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

House Bill NO. 620

By Senator(s) Committee

33 Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting
34 in lieu thereof the following:

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36 SECTION 1. Section 63-15-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
37 amended as follows:

38 63-15-1. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the
39 "Mississippi Motor Vehicle Compulsory Safety-Responsibility Law."

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

42 63-3-411. (1) The driver of a vehicle involved in an
43 accident resulting in injury to or death of any person or total
44 property damage to an apparent extent of Five Hundred Dollars
45 (\$500.00) or more shall immediately, by the quickest means of
46 communication, give notice of the collision to the local police
47 department if the collision occurs within an incorporated
48 municipality, or if the collision occurs outside of an
49 incorporated municipality to the nearest sheriff's office or
50 highway patrol station.

51 (2) All drivers of vehicles involved in an accident
52 resulting in injury to or death of any person or total property
53 damage to an apparent extent of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)
54 or more shall forward within fifteen (15) working days after such
55 accident, a written report of such accident to the department.

56 The investigating officer shall furnish all drivers an accident
57 report form as provided in Section 63-15-9 and shall provide to
58 such drivers instructions as to when such report must be completed
59 and submitted to the department.

60 (3) The department may require any driver of a vehicle
61 involved in an accident, of which report must be made as provided
62 in this section, to file supplemental reports whenever the
63 original report is insufficient in the opinion of the department.
64 Additionally, the department may require witnesses of accidents to
65 render reports to the department.

66 (4) It shall be the duty of the highway patrol or the
67 sheriff's office to investigate all accidents required to be
68 reported by this section when the accident occurs outside the
69 corporate limits of a municipality, and it shall be the duty of
70 the police department of each municipality to investigate all
71 accidents required to be reported by this section when the
72 accidents occur within the corporate limits of the municipality.

73 Every law enforcement officer who investigates an accident as
74 required by this subsection, whether the investigation is made at
75 the scene of the accident or by subsequent investigation and
76 interviews, shall forward within ten (10) working days after the
77 date of the accident a written report of the accident to the
78 department if the accident occurred outside the corporate limits
79 of a municipality, or to the police department of the municipality
80 if the accident occurred within the corporate limits of such
81 municipality. Police departments shall forward such reports to
82 the department within ten (10) working days of the date of the
83 accident. If the appropriate law enforcement agency fails to
84 submit the reports as required by this subsection or to furnish
85 the accident report forms to the drivers as required in subsection
86 (2) of this section, then the department may assess the agency
87 with an administrative penalty of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).
88 Any agency so penalized may make a written request to the
89 department for a hearing. Such hearing shall be held in
90 accordance with rules and regulations that are adopted by the

91 department and that are in compliance with due process of law.
92 The funds from such penalties collected by the Department of
93 Public Safety shall be deposited in the State General Fund in the
94 State Treasury and shall be subject to the annual legislative
95 appropriation process.

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

99 (6) Whenever an engineer of a railroad locomotive, or other
100 person in charge of a train, is required to show proof of his
101 identity under the provisions of this article, in connection with
102 operation of such locomotive, to any law enforcement officer, such
103 person shall not be required to display his operator's or
104 chauffeur's license but shall display his railroad employee
105 number.

106 (7) In addition to the information required on the
107 "statewide uniform traffic accident report" forms provided by
108 Section 63-3-415, the department shall require the parties
109 involved in an accident and the witnesses of such accident to
110 furnish their phone numbers in order to assist the investigation
111 by law enforcement officers.

112 SECTION 3. Section 63-15-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
113 amended as follows:

114 63-15-3. The following words and phrases, when used in this
115 chapter, shall, for the purposes of this chapter, have the
116 meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section, except in
117 those instances where the context clearly indicates a different
118 meaning:

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

125 (b) "Judgment" means any judgment which shall have

126 become final by expiration, without appeal, of the time within
127 which an appeal might have been perfected, or by final affirmation
128 on appeal, rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction of any
129 state or of the United States, upon a cause of action arising out
130 of the ownership, maintenance or use of any motor vehicle, for
131 damages, including damages for care and loss of services, because
132 of bodily injury to or death of any person, or for damages because
133 of injury to or destruction of property, including the loss of use
134 thereof, or upon a cause of action on an agreement of settlement
135 for such damages.

136 (c) "Motor vehicle" means every self-propelled vehicle
137 (other than traction engines, road rollers and graders, tractor
138 cranes, power shovels, well drillers and implements of husbandry)
139 which is designed for use upon a highway, including trailers and
140 semi-trailers designed for use with such vehicles, and every
141 vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained from
142 overhead wires but not operated upon rails.

143 For purposes of this definition, "implements of
144 husbandry" shall not include trucks, pick-up trucks, trailers and
145 semi-trailers designed for use with such trucks and pick-up
146 trucks.

147 (d) "License" means any driver's, operator's,
148 commercial operator's, or chauffeur's license, temporary
149 instruction permit or temporary license, or restricted license,
150 issued under the laws of the State of Mississippi pertaining to
151 the licensing of persons to operate motor vehicles.

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

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

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

160 (h) "Owner" means a person who holds the legal title of

161 a motor vehicle; in the event a motor vehicle is the subject of an
162 agreement for the conditional sale or lease thereof with the right
163 of purchase upon performance of the conditions stated in the
164 agreement and with an immediate right of possession vested in the
165 conditional vendee or lessee or in the event a mortgagor of a
166 vehicle is entitled to possession, then such conditional vendee or
167 lessee or mortgagor shall be deemed the owner for the purpose of
168 this chapter.

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

171 (j) "Proof of financial responsibility" means proof of
172 ability to respond in damages for liability, on account of
173 accidents occurring subsequent to the effective date of said
174 proof, arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of a motor
175 vehicle, in the amount of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars
176 (\$25,000.00) because of bodily injury to or death of one (1)
177 person in any one (1) accident, and subject to said limit for one
178 (1) person, in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00)
179 because of bodily injury to or death of two (2) or more persons in
180 any one (1) accident, and in the amount of Twenty-five Thousand
181 Dollars (\$25,000.00) because of injury to or destruction of
182 property of others in any one (1) accident.

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

186 (l) "Department" means the Department of Public Safety
187 of the State of Mississippi, acting directly or through its
188 authorized officers and agents, except in such sections of this
189 chapter in which some other state department is specifically
190 named.

191 (m) "State" means any state, territory or possession of
192 the United States, the District of Columbia, or any province of
193 the Dominion of Canada.

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

196 63-15-9. The operator of every motor vehicle which is in any
197 manner involved in an accident within this state, in which any
198 person is killed or injured or in which damage to the property of
199 any one (1) person, other than himself, in excess of One Thousand
200 Dollars (\$1,000.00) is sustained, shall within fifteen (15)
201 working days after such accident report the matter in writing to
202 the department, in accordance with the laws of this state. Such
203 report, the form of which shall be prescribed by the department,
204 shall contain information to enable the department to determine
205 whether the requirements for the deposit of security under Section
206 63-15-11 are inapplicable by reason of the existence of insurance
207 or other exceptions specified in this chapter. The reports
208 required herein shall be furnished to each of the drivers involved
209 in an accident as provided in Section 63-3-411. Such report shall
210 contain, but not be limited to, the following notification and
211 request for information:

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

216 Failure to file the report within fifteen (15) working days
217 of receipt of this form shall subject you to an administrative
218 penalty of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) and the immediate
219 suspension of your driving privilege or registration, or both.
220 Upon payment of the administrative penalty and completion of the
221 report, your driving privilege or registration, or both, may be
222 reinstated, unless otherwise provided by law.

223 If you did not have motor vehicle liability insurance or
224 cannot otherwise show financial responsibility on the date of this
225 accident up to the liability limits set by law, you may be subject
226 to the suspension of your driving privilege or registration, or
227 both, and a Two Hundred Dollar (\$200.00) administrative penalty.
228 Such penalty may be waived and driving privilege or registration,
229 or both, reinstated if, within thirty (30) working days, you show
230 certified proof of purchase of motor vehicle liability insurance

231 in accordance with the requirements of the department.

232 On the day of the accident was the vehicle involved covered

233 by motor vehicle liability insurance? Yes _____ No _____

234 Name of insurance company: _____

235 Insurance policy number: _____

236 Name of insurance agency: _____

237 Was anyone seriously injured? Yes _____ No _____

238 Approximate cost to repair your vehicle: _____

239 Name of driver: _____

240 Driver's license number: _____

241 *Address of driver: _____

242 Name of person completing report: _____

243 Date: _____

244 _____

245 Signature of investigating officer

246 certifying that all drivers received

247 the SR-1 motor vehicle accident

248 report

249 *All drivers shall report a change of address to the

250 Department of Public Safety within five (5) working days of such

251 change."

252 Any written report of an accident in accordance with Article
253 9 of Chapter 3 of this title shall be sufficient, provided it also
254 contains the information required herein. The department may rely
255 upon the accuracy of the information unless and until it has
256 reason to believe that the information is erroneous. If such
257 operator be physically incapable of making such report, an
258 occupant in the motor vehicle at the time of the accident or the
259 owner of the motor vehicle shall make such report. The operator,
260 occupant or the owner shall furnish such additional relevant
261 information as the department shall require.

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

264 63-15-11. (1) If twenty (20) working days after the receipt
265 of a report of a motor vehicle accident in this state which has

266 resulted in bodily injury or death, or damage to the property of
267 any one (1) person in excess of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00),
268 the department does not have on file evidence satisfactory to it
269 that the person who would otherwise be required to file security
270 under subsection (2) of this section has been finally adjudicated
271 not to be liable, or has executed a duly acknowledged written
272 agreement providing for the payment of an agreed amount in
273 installments with respect to all claims for injuries or damages
274 resulting from the accident, the department shall determine the
275 amount of security which shall be sufficient in its judgment to
276 satisfy any judgment or judgments for damages resulting from such
277 accident as may be recovered against each operator or owner.

278 (2) The department, after all provisions of Sections
279 63-3-411 and 63-15-9 have been complied with by the proper
280 authorities, shall levy an administrative penalty of Two Hundred
281 Dollars (\$200.00) upon each owner and suspend the license of each
282 operator and all registrations of each owner of a motor vehicle in
283 any manner involved in such accident, and if such operator is a
284 nonresident the privilege of operating a motor vehicle within this
285 state, and if such owner is a nonresident the privilege of the use
286 within this state of any motor vehicle owned by him, unless such
287 operator or owner or both shall deposit security in the sum so
288 determined by the department and shall also furnish proof of
289 financial responsibility. Notice of such suspension and
290 administrative penalty shall be sent by the department to such
291 operator and owner not less than ten (10) working days before the
292 effective date of such suspension and administrative penalty and
293 shall state the amount required as security. If such operator,
294 within thirty (30) working days of such notification, shows
295 certified proof of purchase of motor vehicle liability insurance
296 in the manner and the amounts required by law, his driving
297 privilege may be reinstated. If such owner, within thirty (30)
298 working days of such notification, shows certified proof of
299 purchase of motor vehicle liability insurance in the manner and
300 the amounts required by law, the administrative penalty may be

301 waived and his registration may be reinstated. Where erroneous
302 information is given the department with respect to the matters
303 set forth in subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of subsection (4) of
304 this section, it shall take appropriate action as hereinbefore
305 provided, within sixty (60) days after receipt by it of correct
306 information with respect to such matters.

307 (3) Any person so notified of suspension and administrative
308 penalty, in accordance with notification requirements in Section
309 63-1-52, may, within ten (10) working days after receipt of such
310 notification, make a written request to the department for a
311 hearing, and such request shall operate as a stay of any
312 suspension and administrative penalty pending the outcome of such
313 hearing. For the purposes of this section, the scope of such
314 hearing shall cover the issues of whether there is a reasonable
315 probability of a judgment being rendered against such person in a
316 lawsuit arising out of the accident and whether such person is
317 exempt from the requirement of depositing security under
318 subsection (4) of this section. At such hearing the department
319 may also consider the amount of security required to be deposited,
320 if any. The hearing shall be in accordance with rules and
321 regulations which shall be adopted by the department and furnished
322 to the operator or owner with the notice of suspension and
323 administrative penalty. For the purposes of this section, a
324 "hearing" may consist of a determination of such issues by the
325 department based solely on written reports submitted by the
326 operator or owner and by investigatory officers, provided that the
327 owner or operator, in his request to the department for a hearing,
328 has expressly consented to such type hearing and that the
329 department has consented thereto.

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

334 (4) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall not apply:
335 (1) to such operator or owner if such owner had in effect at the

336 time of such accident a liability policy with respect to the motor
337 vehicle involved in such accident; (2) to such operator, if not
338 the owner of such motor vehicle, if there was in effect at the
339 time of such accident a liability policy with respect to his
340 operation of motor vehicles not owned by him; (3) to such operator
341 or owner if the liability of such operator or owner for damages
342 resulting from such accident is, in the judgment of the
343 department, covered by any other form of liability insurance
344 policy or bond of a surety company authorized to do business in
345 this state; (4) to any person qualifying as a self-insurer under
346 Section 63-15-53, or to any person operating a motor vehicle for
347 such self-insurer; (5) to the operator or the owner of a motor
348 vehicle legally parked at the time of the accident; (6) to the
349 owner of a motor vehicle if at the time of the accident the
350 vehicle was stolen; or (7) to any person for whom the department
351 has found in the hearing provided for in subsection (3) of this
352 section, that there is not a reasonable probability of a judgment
353 being rendered against such person in a lawsuit arising out of the
354 accident.

355 No such policy shall be effective under this section unless
356 issued by an insurance company or surety company authorized to
357 write motor vehicle liability insurance in this state, except that
358 if such motor vehicle was not registered in this state, or was a
359 motor vehicle which was registered elsewhere than in this state at
360 the effective date of the policy or the most recent renewal
361 thereof, such policy shall not be effective under this section
362 unless the insurance company or surety company if not authorized
363 to do business in this state shall execute a power of attorney
364 authorizing the department to accept service on its behalf of
365 notice or process in any action upon such policy arising out of
366 such accident. However, every such policy shall be subject, if
367 the accident has resulted in bodily injury or death, to a limit,
368 exclusive of interest and cost, of not less than Twenty-five
369 Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) because of bodily injury to or death
370 of one (1) person in any one (1) accident and, subject to said

371 limit for one (1) person, to a limit of not less than Fifty
372 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) because of bodily injury to or death
373 of two (2) or more persons in any one (1) accident, and if the
374 accident has resulted in injury to or destruction of property, to
375 a limit of not less than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)
376 because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any
377 one (1) accident.

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

380 63-15-69. (1) Where any person fails to report an accident
381 as required in Section 63-15-9, in addition to any other penalties
382 prescribed by law, the department shall administer an
383 administrative penalty of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) upon and
384 suspend the license of the person failing to make such report, or
385 the nonresident's operating privilege of such person, until such
386 report has been filed and the administrative penalty and any
387 reinstatement fees paid. The funds from any administrative
388 penalties collected by the Department of Public Safety under this
389 subsection shall be deposited in the State General Fund in the
390 State Treasury.

391 (2) Any person who gives information required in a report or
392 otherwise as provided for in Section 63-15-9, knowing or having
393 reason to believe that such information is false, or who shall
394 forge, or without authority, sign any evidence of proof of
395 financial responsibility, or who files or offers for filing any
396 such evidence of proof, knowing or having reason to believe that
397 it is forged or signed without authority, shall be fined not more
398 than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more
399 than one (1) year, or both, except where the statement may be made
400 under oath, in which case the person making the false statement
401 under oath shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalties for
402 perjury.

403 (3) Any person whose license or nonresident's operating
404 privilege has been suspended or revoked under this chapter, and
405 who, during such suspension or revocation drives any motor vehicle

406 upon any highway or knowingly permits any motor vehicle owned by
407 such person to be operated by another upon any highway, except as
408 permitted under this chapter, shall be fined not more than Five
409 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not exceeding six (6)
410 months, or both.

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

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

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

421 45-1-5. The Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized and
422 empowered to employ such administrative, professional, technical,
423 stenographic, clerical and other employees as may be necessary to
424 perform the duties of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol to
425 comply with the provisions of the Mississippi Motor Vehicle
426 Compulsory Safety-Responsibility Law, being Chapter 15 of Title 63
427 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, and to perform the duties under
428 all other laws required to be administered under the supervision
429 of the commissioner. The commissioner shall fix the salaries of
430 all such employees where such salaries are not otherwise fixed by
431 law.

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

434 63-1-52. (1) Whenever the Commissioner of Public Safety
435 suspends, cancels or revokes the driver's license or driving
436 privileges of any person, notice of the suspension, cancellation
437 or revocation shall be given to such person by the commissioner,
438 or his duly authorized agent, in the manner provided in subsection
439 (2) of this section and at the time provided in subsection (3) of
440 this section or in the manner and at the time provided in

441 subsection (4) of this section.

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

443 (a) In writing, (i) by United States Certificate of
444 Mail; or (ii) by personal service at the person's address as it
445 appears on the driving record maintained by the Department of
446 Public Safety or at the person's last known address; or (iii) by
447 personal notice being given by any law enforcement officer of this
448 state or any duly authorized agent of the Commissioner of Public
449 Safety on forms prescribed and furnished by the Commissioner of
450 Public Safety; whenever a person's driver's license or driving
451 privileges are suspended, revoked or cancelled in accordance with
452 the Mississippi Driver License Compact Law, the Mississippi
453 Implied Consent Law, the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Compulsory
454 Safety Responsibility Law or paragraphs (2)(c), (2)(d), (2)(e) or
455 (2)(f) of Section 63-1-53.

456 (b) In writing, by United States first class mail,
457 whenever a person's driver's license or driving privileges are
458 suspended, revoked or cancelled in accordance with the Mississippi
459 Commercial Driver's License Law, the Youth Court Law, Chapter 23
460 of Title 43, Mississippi Code of 1972, Section 63-1-45, Section
461 63-1-51, paragraph (2)(g), (2)(h) or (2)(i) of Section 63-1-53 or
462 Section 63-9-25.

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

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

470 (b) Unless otherwise specifically provided for by law,
471 at the time of suspension, revocation or cancellation, whenever a
472 person's driver's license or driving privileges are suspended,
473 revoked or cancelled in accordance with the Mississippi Commercial
474 Driver's License Law, the Mississippi Implied Consent Law, the
475 Youth Court Law, Chapter 23 of Title 43, Mississippi Code of 1972,

476 Section 63-1-45, Section 63-1-51, paragraph (2)(g), (2)(h) or
477 (2)(i) of Section 63-1-53 or Section 63-9-25.

478 (4) Whenever the Commissioner of Public Safety suspends,
479 revokes or cancels the driver's license or driving privileges of
480 any person in accordance with some provision of law other than a
481 provision of law referred to in subsections (2) and (3) of this
482 section, and the manner and time for giving notice is not provided
483 for in such law, then notice of such suspension, revocation or
484 cancellation shall be given in the manner and at the time provided
485 for under paragraphs (2)(b) and (3)(b) of this section.

486 SECTION 9. Section 83-11-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
487 amended as follows:

488 83-11-101. (1) No automobile liability insurance policy or
489 contract shall be issued or delivered after January 1, 1967,
490 unless it contains an endorsement or provisions undertaking to pay
491 the insured all sums which he shall be legally entitled to recover
492 as damages for bodily injury or death from the owner or operator
493 of an uninsured motor vehicle, within limits which shall be no
494 less than those set forth in the Mississippi Motor Vehicle
495 Compulsory Safety Responsibility Law, as amended, under provisions
496 approved by the Commissioner of Insurance; however, at the option
497 of the insured, the uninsured motorist limits may be increased to
498 limits not to exceed those provided in the policy of bodily injury
499 liability insurance of the insured or such lesser limits as the
500 insured elects to carry over the minimum requirement set forth by
501 this section. The coverage herein required shall not be
502 applicable where any insured named in the policy shall reject the
503 coverage in writing and provided further, that unless the named
504 insured requests such coverage in writing, such coverage need not
505 be provided in any renewal policy where the named insured had
506 rejected the coverage in connection with a policy previously
507 issued to him by the same insurer.

508 (2) No automobile liability insurance policy or contract
509 shall be issued or delivered after January 1, 1980, unless it
510 contains an endorsement or provisions undertaking to pay the

511 insured all sums which he shall be legally entitled to recover as
512 damages for property damage from the owner or operator of an
513 uninsured motor vehicle, within limits which shall be no less than
514 those set forth in the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Compulsory Safety
515 Responsibility Law, as amended, under provisions approved by the
516 Commissioner of Insurance; however, at the option of the insured,
517 the uninsured motorist limits may be increased to limits not to
518 exceed those provided in the policy of property damage liability
519 insurance of the insured or such lesser limits as the insured
520 elects to carry over the minimum requirement set forth by this
521 section. The coverage herein required shall not be applicable
522 where any insured named in the policy shall reject the coverage in
523 writing and provided further, that unless the named insured
524 requests such coverage in writing, such coverage need not be
525 provided in any renewal policy where the named insured had
526 rejected the coverage in connection with a policy previously
527 issued to him by the same insurer.

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

533 (3) The insured may reject the property damage liability
534 insurance coverage required by subsection (2) and retain the
535 bodily injury liability insurance coverage required by subsection
536 (1), but if the insured rejects the bodily injury liability
537 coverage he may not retain the property damage liability coverage.

538 No insured may have property damage liability insurance coverage
539 under this section unless he also has bodily injury liability
540 insurance coverage under this section.

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

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

1 AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE MISSISSIPPI MOTOR
2VEHICLE SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY LAW; TO AMEND SECTION 63-15-1,
3MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE
4KNOWN AS THE "MISSISSIPPI MOTOR VEHICLE COMPULSORY
5SAFETY-RESPONSIBILITY LAW"; TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-411, MISSISSIPPI
6CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THAT INVESTIGATING LAW ENFORCEMENT
7OFFICERS SHALL FURNISH ALL DRIVERS INVOLVED IN CERTAIN ACCIDENTS
8WITH ACCIDENT REPORT FORMS; TO REQUIRE THE INVESTIGATING OFFICERS
9TO SUBMIT THEIR WRITTEN REPORTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
10WITHIN TEN WORKING DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE ACCIDENT; TO PROVIDE
11FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY ON THE APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT
12AGENCY THAT DOES NOT COMPLY; TO AMEND SECTION 63-15-3, MISSISSIPPI
13CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE MINIMUM AMOUNTS OF COVERAGE REQUIRED FOR
14PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY; TO AMEND SECTION 63-15-9,
15MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT
16REPORT FORM TO NOTIFY CERTAIN DRIVERS THAT FAILURE TO FILE THE
17REPORT OR FAILURE TO HAVE MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE OR
18OTHERWISE SHOW FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY UP TO THE LIABILITY LIMITS
19SET BY LAW MAY SUBJECT THEM TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY IN
20ADDITION TO LICENSE SUSPENSION; TO AMEND SECTION 63-15-11,
21MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF DAMAGES BEFORE
22REQUIRING FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM
23AMOUNTS OF COVERAGE REQUIRED FOR PROOF OF FINANCIAL
24RESPONSIBILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES
25FOR FAILURE TO SHOW FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR A
26WAIVER OF PENALTIES UPON PROOF OF PURCHASE OF MOTOR VEHICLE
27LIABILITY INSURANCE; TO AMEND SECTION 63-15-69, MISSISSIPPI CODE
28OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES ON
29PERSONS FAILING TO FILE REPORTS OF ACCIDENTS; TO AMEND SECTIONS
3045-1-5, 63-1-52 AND 83-11-101, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN
31CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.