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To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 659

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION DIVISION WITHIN THE
2 STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE; TO
3 REQUIRE THE FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION DIVISION TO DEVELOP AND
4 IMPLEMENT A FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM USING NATIONALLY
5 RECOGNIZED STANDARDS; TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE
6 TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE
7 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. (1) There is created a Fire Safety Education
10 Division within the State Fire Marshal's Office of the Department
11 of Insurance. The Commissioner of Insurance, acting through the
12 State Chief Deputy Fire Marshal, is charged with the
13 administration of this act.

14 (2) The Fire Safety Education Division, in an effort to
15 reduce loss of life and property from fires, shall develop and
16 implement a fire safety education program using nationally
17 recognized standards, such as the standards adopted by the
18 National Fire Protection Association and the Southern Building
19 Code Congress International.

20 (3) The Commissioner of Insurance, acting through the State
21 Chief Deputy Fire Marshal, is authorized to promulgate rules and
22 regulations as necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
24 and after July 1, 2001.

