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

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

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

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

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

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