SENATE BILL NO. 2038

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 63-1-57 AND 63-11-40, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT JAIL TIME FOR DRIVING WHILE A LICENSE IS SUSPENDED OR REVOKED SHALL NOT BE SUSPENDED OR REDUCED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 63-1-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-1-57. Any person whose license issued pursuant to this article or driving privilege as a nonresident has been canceled, suspended or revoked as provided in this title or in Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, and who drives any motor vehicle upon the highways of this state while such license or privilege is canceled, suspended or revoked, is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than two (2) days nor more than six (6) months, which term of imprisonment shall be neither suspended nor reduced.

There may be imposed in addition thereto a fine of not less than Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) for each offense.

SECTION 2. Section 63-11-40, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-11-40. Any person whose driver's license, or driving privilege has been cancelled, suspended or revoked under the provisions of this chapter and who drives any motor vehicle upon the highways, streets or public roads of this state, while such license or privilege is canceled, suspended or revoked, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than forty-eight (48) hours nor more
than six (6) months, and fined not less than Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00) nor more than five hundred dollars ($500.00), and which term of imprisonment shall be neither suspended nor reduced.

The Commissioner of Public Safety shall suspend the driver's license or driving privilege of any person convicted under the provisions of this section for an additional six (6) months. Such suspension shall begin at the end of the original cancellation, suspension or revocation and run consecutively.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2001.