

*****Adopted*****

AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

Senate Bill NO. 2361

By Senator(s) Mettetal

1 **AMEND by inserting the following section after line 318 and**
2 **renumbering the succeeding section:**

3 SECTION *. Section 63-15-4, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
4 amended as follows:

5 63-15-4. (1) The following vehicles are exempted from the
6 requirements of this section:

7 (a) Vehicles exempted by Section 63-15-5;

8 (b) Vehicles for which a bond or a certificate of
9 deposit of money or securities in at least the minimum amounts
10 required for proof of financial responsibility is on file with the
11 department;

12 (c) Vehicles that are self-insured under Section
13 63-15-53; and

14 (d) Implements of husbandry.

15 (2) (a) Every motor vehicle operated in this state shall
16 have an insurance card maintained in the vehicle as proof of
17 liability insurance that is in compliance with the liability
18 limits required by Section 63-15-3(j). The insured parties shall
19 be responsible for maintaining the insurance card in each vehicle.

20 (b) An insurance company issuing a policy of motor

21 vehicle liability insurance as required by this section shall
22 furnish to the insured an insurance card for each vehicle at the
23 time the insurance policy becomes effective.

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25 (3) Failure of the owner or the operator of a motor vehicle
26 to have the insurance card in the motor vehicle is a misdemeanor
27 and, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine of One Thousand
28 Dollars (\$1,000.00) and suspension of driving privilege for a
29 period of one (1) year or until the owner of the motor vehicle
30 shows proof of liability insurance that is in compliance with the
31 liability limits required by Section 63-15-3(j). Fraudulent use
32 of an insurance card shall be punishable in accordance with
33 Section 97-7-10. The funds from such fines shall be deposited in
34 the State General Fund in the State Treasury.

35 (4) If, at the hearing date or the date of payment of the
36 fine, the motor vehicle owner shows proof of motor vehicle
37 liability insurance in the amounts required by Section 63-15-3(j),
38 the fine shall be reduced to One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). If
39 the owner shows proof that such insurance was in effect at the
40 time of citation, the fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and
41 court costs shall be waived.

42 **FURTHER, amend the title on line 7 by inserting the following**
43 **after the semicolon:**

44 TO AMEND SECTION 63-15-4, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE
45 PROVISION OF LAW THAT PROHIBITS A DRIVER FROM BEING STOPPED OR
46 DETAINED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF
47 VERIFYING THAT AN INSURANCE CARD IS IN THE MOTOR VEHICLE;