

By: Representative Moak

To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 145

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-1-153, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS FROM THE JURISDICTION OF
3 THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 83-1-153, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 83-1-153. (1) The provisions of Sections 83-1-151 through
8 83-1-169 shall apply to:

9 (a) All domestic insurers, and

10 (b) Any other insurer doing business in this state
11 whose state of domicile has asked the commissioner to apply the
12 provisions of Sections 83-1-151 through 83-1-169 to such insurer.

13 (2) The provisions of Sections 83-1-151 through 83-1-169
14 shall not apply to a religious publication, or its subscribers,
15 that:

16 (a) Is a nonprofit religious organization;

17 (b) Is limited to subscribers who are members of the
18 same denomination or religion;

19 (c) Acts as an organizational clearinghouse for
20 information between subscribers who have financial, physical or
21 medical needs and subscribers who choose to assist with those
22 needs, matching subscribers with the present ability to pay with
23 subscribers with a present financial or medical need;

24 (d) Pays for the subscriber's financial or medical
25 needs by payments directly from one (1) subscriber to another; and

26 (e) Suggests amounts to give that are voluntary among
27 the subscribers, with no assumption of risk or promise to pay



28 either among the subscribers or between the subscribers and the
29 publication.

30 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
31 and after July 1, 2002.

