

By: Representative Moak

To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 257

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT AS A REQUIREMENT FOR DOING BUSINESS IN
 2 THIS STATE, EVERY INSURANCE CARRIER SHALL EITHER INFORM ALL OF ITS
 3 POLICYHOLDERS OF THE BENEFITS AVAILABLE UNDER THE CHILDREN'S
 4 HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM OR OFFER COVERAGE THAT IS SUBSTANTIALLY
 5 THE SAME AS THAT PROVIDED UNDER THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE
 6 PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** As a requirement for doing business in this
 9 state, every insurance carrier shall either inform all its
 10 policyholders of the benefits available under the Children's
 11 Health Insurance Program as provided in Section 41-86-1 et seq.,
 12 or offer coverage that is substantially the same as that provided
 13 to families with eligible children under the Children's Health
 14 Insurance Program.

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

