HOUSE BILL NO. 524

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-2-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 DELETE THE PROVISIONS THAT PERMIT A FINE TO BE IMPOSED FOR A
3 VIOLATION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE SEAT BELT LAW ONLY IF THE VIOLATOR
4 IS ALSO CHARGED AND CONVICTED OF SOME OTHER OFFENSE; TO INCREASE
5 THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF THE FINE THAT MAY BE IMPOSED FOR A
6 VIOLATION OF THE SEAT BELT LAW BY MORE THAN ONE MOTOR VEHICLE
7 OCCUPANT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 63-2-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
amended as follows:

63-2-7. (1) A violation of this chapter shall be a
misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of Twenty-five Dollars ($25.00)
upon conviction; however, only the operator of a vehicle may be
fined for a violation of this chapter by the operator, for a
violation of this chapter by a front-seat passenger or for a
violation of this chapter by a child who is at least four (4)
years of age but under eight (8) years of age, regardless of the
seat that the child occupies ** *. The maximum fine that may be
imposed against the operator of a vehicle for a violation of this
chapter by the operator or for a violation of this chapter by one
or more passengers shall be Fifty Dollars ($50.00) in the
aggregate.

(2) A violation of this chapter shall not be entered on the
driving record of any individual so convicted, nor shall any state
assessment provided for by Section 99-19-73, or any other state
law, be imposed or collected.

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