AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-59-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR AMBULANCE VEHICLES OPERATING IN MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 41-59-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-59-27. There shall be at all times in force and effect on any ambulance vehicle operating in this state insurance issued by an insurance company licensed to do business in this state, which shall provide coverage:

(a) For injury to or death of individuals resulting from any cause for which the owner of said ambulance would be liable regardless of whether the ambulance was being driven by the owner or his agent; and

(b) Against damage to the property of another, including personal property.

The minimum amounts of such insurance coverage shall be determined by the board with the advice of the advisory council, except that the minimum coverage shall not be less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00) for bodily injury to or death of one (1) person in any one (1) accident, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300,000.00) for bodily injury to or death of two (2) or more persons in any one (1) accident, and Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) for damage to or destruction of property of others in any one (1) accident, or Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000.00) per occurrence.
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2002.