SENATE BILL NO. 2397

AN ACT TO REQUIRE INSURERS TO FURNISH CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING POLICIES OF MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE TO THE STATE TAX COMMISSION; TO REQUIRE THE STATE TAX COMMISSION TO COMPILE A DATA BASE CONTAINING THE NAME OF THE OWNER OF EACH REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE, THE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAG NUMBER OF SUCH VEHICLE, THE VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF EACH VEHICLE AND INDICATING WHETHER THE VEHICLE IS COVERED BY A POLICY OF LIABILITY INSURANCE; TO REQUIRE THE STATE TAX COMMISSION TO MAKE SUCH DATA BASE AVAILABLE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL TO ASSIST IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW REQUIRING PROOF OF LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE BE MAINTAINED IN MOTOR VEHICLES; TO EXEMPT SUCH DATA BASE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC RECORDS ACT OF 1983; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. (1) When a policy of motor vehicle liability insurance is purchased in at least the minimum amounts required by Section 63-15-3(j), the insurer shall provide the following information to the State Tax Commission:

(a) The name and address of the named insured;
(b) The identification number of the vehicle covered afforded by the policy;
(c) The limits of liability; and
(d) The policy period.

(2) When a policy of motor vehicle liability insurance with at least the minimum amounts required by Section 63-15-3(j) is cancelled or terminated, for whatever reason, the insurer shall provide the following information to the State Tax Commission:

(a) The name and address of the named insured;
(b) The identification number of the vehicle covered afforded by the policy;
(c) The limits of liability; and
(d) The policy period.
SECTION 2. (1) Utilizing the information that is required
to be furnished pursuant to Section 1 of this act and information
regarding motor vehicle registrations that is available to the
State Tax Commission from county tax collectors, the State Tax
Commission shall compile a data base that shows the owner of each
registered vehicle, the license tag number of such vehicle, the
identification number of such vehicle and indicates whether the
vehicle is covered by a policy of motor vehicle liability
insurance in at least the minimum amounts required by Section
63-15-3(j).
(3) The State Tax Commission shall update the database
periodically.
(2) The State Tax Commission shall make the data base
required to be compiled pursuant to subsection (1) of this section
available to law enforcement personnel to assist in the
enforcement of Section 63-15-4.
(3) The database compiled by the State Tax Commission
pursuant to this section shall be exempt from the provisions of
the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.
SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
and after July 1, 2002.