

By: Representative Moak

To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 39

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, 2003.

