AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-2-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
DELETE THE PROVISIONS THAT PERMIT A FINE TO BE IMPOSED FOR A
VIOLATION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE SEAT BELT LAW ONLY IF THE VIOLATOR
IS ALSO CHARGED AND CONVICTED OF SOME OTHER OFFENSE; TO INCREASE
THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF THE FINE THAT MAY BE IMPOSED FOR A
VIOLATION OF THE SEAT BELT LAW BY MORE THAN ONE MOTOR VEHICLE
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, 2003.