

By: Representatives Young, Flaggs, Wallace

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1196

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-2-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PERMITS 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.

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

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

11 63-2-7. (1) A violation of this chapter shall be a  
12 misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)  
13 upon conviction; however, only the operator of a vehicle may be  
14 fined for a violation of this chapter by the operator or for a  
15 violation of this chapter by all passengers or for a violation of  
16 this chapter by a child who is at least four (4) years of age but  
17 under eight (8) years of age, regardless of the seat that the  
18 child occupies \* \* \*. The maximum fine that may be imposed  
19 against the operator of a vehicle for a violation of this chapter  
20 by the operator or for a violation of this chapter by one or more  
21 passengers shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) in the aggregate.

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

26 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
27 and after July 1, 2003.

