

By: Representative Straughter

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1206

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-2-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO ISSUE CITATIONS FOR
3 VIOLATIONS OF THE SEAT BELT LAW AT ROADBLOCKS, MOTOR VEHICLE
4 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT SCENES AND UPON PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THE
5 MOTORIST TO BE IN VIOLATION OF ANY OTHER LAW; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

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

10 63-2-7. (1) A violation of this chapter shall be a
11 misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)
12 upon conviction; however, only the operator of a vehicle may be
13 fined for a violation of this chapter by the operator or for a
14 violation of this chapter by a passenger. Upon stopping a motor
15 vehicle at a roadblock where all passing motorists are checked as
16 a method to enforce traffic laws and promote public safety, upon
17 investigating the scene of a motor vehicle accident in which the
18 motor vehicle operator is involved, or upon stopping a motor
19 vehicle with probable cause to believe the motorist to be in
20 violation of some other offense not in this chapter, a law
21 enforcement officer, who is authorized to issue traffic citations,
22 shall determine whether the operator or any passenger is in
23 violation of this chapter. However, no vehicle operator shall be
24 stopped or detained solely for the purpose of determining whether
25 the operator or any passenger is in violation of this chapter.
26 The maximum fine that may be imposed against the operator of a
27 vehicle for a violation of this chapter by the operator or for a
28 violation of this chapter by one or more passengers shall be
29 Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) in the aggregate.



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

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

