

By: Representative Robinson (84th)

To: Transportation

## HOUSE BILL NO. 157

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-13-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT A CHARGE OF VIOLATING THE MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY  
3 INSPECTION LAW SHALL BE DISMISSED IF THE DEFENDANT PRESENTS TO THE  
4 COURT ON OR BEFORE THE HEARING DATE OR THE DATE OF PAYMENT OF THE  
5 FINE A RECEIPT OR OTHER PROOF SUFFICIENT TO SHOW THAT THE VEHICLE  
6 HAS BEEN INSPECTED AND A VALID INSPECTION STICKER HAS BEEN ISSUED  
7 FOR THE VEHICLE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-13-8, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
10 amended as follows:

11 63-13-8. (1) A grace period for obtaining a valid  
12 inspection sticker, according to the provisions of Chapter 13,  
13 Title 63, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be granted in the  
14 following situations:

15 (a) Whenever a motor vehicle inspection sticker expires  
16 on a legal holiday or on a weekend, the owner of the vehicle  
17 involved shall have a grace period of three (3) days in which to  
18 obtain a valid inspection sticker.

19 (b) Whenever a motor vehicle inspection sticker expires  
20 while the vehicle is being repaired or restored, the owner of the  
21 vehicle involved shall have a grace period of three (3) days in  
22 which to obtain a valid inspection sticker. The period of three  
23 (3) days shall start to run from the date the owner takes  
24 possession of the vehicle after said expiration date.

25 (2) If the operator of a vehicle charged with a violation of  
26 this chapter for failure to have a valid vehicle inspection  
27 sticker presents to the court on or before the hearing date or the  
28 date of payment of the fine a receipt or other proof sufficient to  
29 show that the vehicle has been inspected and a valid inspection

30 sticker issued for the vehicle, no fine, fee, penalty, assessment  
31 or court costs shall be imposed and the charge shall be dismissed.

32         **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
33 and after July 1, 2004.