

By: Representative Clark

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 163

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-2-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 DELETE THE PROVISIONS THAT PERMIT 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; AND FOR
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

9 63-2-7. (1) A violation of this chapter shall be a
10 misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)
11 upon conviction; however, only the operator of a vehicle may be
12 fined for a violation of this chapter by the operator, for a
13 violation of this chapter by a front seat passenger or for a
14 violation of this chapter by a child who is at least four (4)
15 Years of age but under eight (8) years of age, regardless of the
16 seat that the child occupies * * *. The maximum fine that may be
17 imposed against the operator of a vehicle for a violation of this
18 chapter by the operator or for a violation of this chapter by one
19 or more passengers shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) in the
20 aggregate.

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

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