

By: Representative Reeves

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 578

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.