

By: Representative Buck

To: Insurance; Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1000

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-5-61, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REDUCE THE PERCENTAGE OF TAX CHARGED TO INSURANCE COMPANIES ON
3 PREMIUMS PAID FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE ON PROPERTY SITUATED IN THIS
4 STATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 83-5-61, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 83-5-61. (1) All corporations, firms, persons, or
9 individuals obtaining insurance on property situated in this state
10 owned by corporations, firms, or individuals resident therein,
11 against fire, lightning, or tornado from companies, associations,
12 firms, or corporations not authorized to transact business in this
13 state, shall file with the insurance commissioner of the state a
14 sworn statement or declaration, setting forth the name of the
15 company, number of policy, amount of insurance rate, premium, and
16 description, shall be required to pay to the insurance
17 commissioner a tax thereon of two percent (2%) of the premiums
18 paid on said policies, and shall further pay to said commissioner
19 a fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) on each policy for filing a record of
20 the said statement or declaration, which record shall be kept for
21 the private information of the insurance department and shall not
22 be a public record.

23 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that the savings
24 realized by insurance companies as a result of the lower tax
25 percentage charged under this section shall be returned to the
26 policyholders in the form of lower rates for insurance coverage.

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