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To: Insurance;  
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1320

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION DIVISION WITHIN THE  
2 STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE; TO  
3 REQUIRE THE FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION DIVISION TO DEVELOP AND  
4 IMPLEMENT A FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM USING NATIONALLY  
5 RECOGNIZED STANDARDS; TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE  
6 TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE  
7 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created a Fire Safety Education  
10 Division within the State Fire Marshal's Office of the Department  
11 of Insurance. The Commissioner of Insurance, acting through the  
12 State Chief Deputy Fire Marshal, is charged with the  
13 administration of this act.

14 (2) The Fire Safety Education Division, in an effort to  
15 reduce loss of life and property from fires, shall develop and  
16 implement a fire safety education program using nationally  
17 recognized standards.

18 (3) The Commissioner of Insurance, acting through the State  
19 Chief Deputy Fire Marshal, is authorized to promulgate rules and  
20 regulations as necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

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