

By: Senator(s) Harden

To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2359

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; TO INCREASE
5 THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF THE FINE THAT MAY BE IMPOSED FOR A
6 VIOLATION OF THE SEAT BELT LAW BY MORE THAN ONE MOTOR VEHICLE
7 OCCUPANT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

11 63-2-7. (1) A violation of this chapter shall be a
12 misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)
13 upon conviction; however, only the operator of a vehicle may be
14 fined for a violation of this chapter by the operator, * * * for a
15 violation of this chapter by * * * a front-seat passenger * * * or
16 for a violation of this chapter by a child who is at least four
17 (4) years of age but under eight (8) years of age, regardless of
18 the seat that the child occupies * * *. The maximum fine that may
19 be imposed against the operator of a vehicle for a violation of
20 this chapter by the operator or for a violation of this chapter by
21 one or more passengers shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) in the
22 aggregate.

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

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