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To: Insurance; County
Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 495

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CODE SECTION TO BE CODIFIED AS SECTION
2 63-15-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE PROOF OF MOTOR
3 VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE OR OTHER FORM OF FINANCIAL
4 RESPONSIBILITY AS REQUIRED BY THIS CHAPTER BEFORE RECEIVING MOTOR
5 VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section

8 63-15-8, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9 63-15-8. (1) Every owner of a motor vehicle in this state
10 shall furnish proof of motor vehicle liability insurance or other
11 form of financial responsibility as required by this chapter
12 before such owner may receive a license tag for a motor vehicle or
13 renew a license tag. Proof of motor vehicle liability insurance
14 or other form of financial responsibility as required by this
15 chapter shall be made either by presenting an insurance card to
16 the tax collector's office or by signing a certificate on a form
17 prescribed by the Commissioner of Insurance stating that the motor
18 vehicle owner is insured or otherwise financially responsible for
19 at least the minimum requirements as provided by this chapter and
20 in any form as provided by this chapter. Such certificate shall
21 state in bold print that anyone who shall affirmatively sign such
22 certificate who is not insured or otherwise financially
23 responsible for at least the minimum requirements as provided by
24 this chapter shall be subject to a fine of Five Hundred Dollars
25 (\$500.00). Such certificate shall be furnished to each motor
26 vehicle owner by the tax collector of the county where the motor
27 vehicle is registered. The tax collector shall mail such
28 certificate with a motor vehicle tag renewal notice that shall be

29 mailed back to the tax collector before a tag may be renewed. The
30 tax collectors shall also make such certificates available at the
31 tax collectors' offices during regular business hours. The tax
32 collector shall keep the original in the tax collector's records.

33 (2) Any person who presents or causes to be presented to the
34 department or to any court of this state false evidence of motor
35 vehicle liability insurance or other form of financial
36 responsibility as required by this chapter, upon conviction, shall
37 be fined Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). This fine shall be
38 waived if the offender chooses to purchase, and provides proof of
39 such purchase by the court date, motor vehicle liability insurance
40 for a minimum of six (6) months' coverage in at least the minimum
41 amounts required under paragraph (j) of Section 63-15-3.

42 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
43 and after July 1, 2005.