SENATE BILL NO. 2191

AN ACT TO CODIFY SECTION 63-7-60, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE ANY SALE OF A NEW MOTOR VEHICLE TO INCLUDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR INSTALLATION OF A CHILD PRESENCE SENSOR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section 63-7-60, Mississippi Code of 1972:

63-7-60. (1) (a) No person shall sell any new motor vehicle nor shall any new motor vehicle be registered unless the buyer shall have been offered the opportunity to install a child presence sensor at actual cost to the seller of the vehicle.

(b) The department shall compile and publish a list of child presence sensor types and manufacturers as available for after-market dealer installation.

(2) For the purposes of this section, "child presence sensor" means an alarm designed to hang on the driver's key ring that will sound a warning if moved away from a child car seat, coupled with a sensor switch that triggers from the weight of a child being placed in the car seat, and which transmits a unique code to the driver-alarm module via a radio-frequency link incorporating a long-life battery.

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