

By: Senator(s) Kirby

To: Insurance

SENATE BILL NO. 2087

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 71-3-69, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT ANY EMPLOYEE WHO MAKES A FALSE OR MISLEADING
3 STATEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING WORKERS' COMPENSATION
4 BENEFITS, UPON DETERMINATION BY THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION
5 COMMISSION, SHALL FORFEIT HIS RIGHT TO SUCH BENEFITS; AND FOR
6 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 71-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 71-3-69. (1) Any person who willfully makes any false or
11 misleading statement or representation for the purpose of
12 obtaining or wrongfully withholding any benefit or payment under
13 this chapter is guilty of a felony and on conviction thereof may
14 be punished by a fine of not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars
15 (\$5,000.00) or double the value of the fraud, whichever is
16 greater, or by imprisonment not to exceed three (3) years, or by
17 both fine and imprisonment.

18 (2) Any employee who violates this section, upon
19 determination by the commission, shall forfeit any right to
20 compensation benefits under this chapter.

21 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
22 and after July 1, 2006.