

By: Senator(s) Jackson (11th)

To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2739

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-63, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 CLARIFY THAT OPERABLE SAFETY SEAT BELTS ARE REQUIRED FOR VEHICLES
3 MANUFACTURED AFTER 1963; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-7-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 63-7-63. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate in
8 forward motion on a public road, street or highway within this
9 state or to buy, sell, lease, trade or transfer from or to
10 Mississippi residents, at retail, an automobile which is
11 manufactured or assembled commencing with the 1963 models, unless
12 such automobile is equipped with safety belts installed for use in
13 the left front and right front seats thereof. The violation of
14 the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor and, upon
15 conviction, the violator shall be fined not less than Twenty-five
16 Dollars (\$25.00), nor more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), for each
17 offense.

18 All such safety belts shall be of such type and be installed
19 in a manner approved by the department of public safety of the
20 State of Mississippi. The department shall establish
21 specifications and requirements of approved types of safety belts
22 and attachments. The department will accept, as approved, all
23 seat belt installations and the belt and anchor meeting the
24 specifications of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

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