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To: Insurance

SENATE BILL NO. 2253

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 BEFORE RECEIVING MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE  
4 TAGS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section  
7 63-15-8, Mississippi Code of 1972:

8 63-15-8. (1) Every owner of a motor vehicle in this state  
9 shall furnish proof of motor vehicle liability insurance as  
10 required by this chapter before such owner may receive a license  
11 tag for a motor vehicle or renew a license tag. However, any  
12 owner of a motor vehicle exempted from the proof of insurance  
13 requirement pursuant to Section 63-15-4(1) shall be exempted from  
14 the provisions of this section. Proof of motor vehicle liability  
15 insurance as required by this chapter shall be made by presenting  
16 to the tax collector in person or by mail the insurance card, or a  
17 copy thereof, issued by the insurer for the motor vehicle.

18 (2) Any person who presents or causes to be presented to the  
19 tax collector or to any court of this state false evidence of  
20 motor vehicle liability insurance as required by this chapter,  
21 upon conviction, shall be guilty of perjury and shall be fined  
22 Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and shall be subject to  
23 imprisonment for a period not exceeding one (1) year, or both such  
24 fine and imprisonment. This fine and imprisonment shall be waived  
25 if the offender chooses to purchase, and provides proof of such  
26 purchase by the court date, motor vehicle liability insurance for  
27 a minimum of six (6) months' coverage in at least the minimum  
28 amounts required under paragraph (j) of Section 63-15-3. Any

29 person convicted of filing false proof of motor vehicle liability  
30 insurance as required by this chapter shall surrender to the  
31 department his driver's license, license plates and registration  
32 of the motor vehicle for which false proof was presented and the  
33 procedure for the suspension of licenses provided in Section  
34 63-15-11 relating to accidents shall be followed. Such driver's  
35 license, license plates and registration shall be reinstated upon  
36 payment of any fines and reinstatement fees, serving of a sentence  
37 if applicable, and upon presentation of proof of purchase of  
38 minimum motor vehicle liability insurance in accordance with the  
39 provisions of this subsection. The district attorney of the  
40 jurisdiction where any false evidence is presented shall prosecute  
41 any violation of this section. Any person convicted under this  
42 section shall be assessed with all costs of prosecution and all  
43 court costs.

44       **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
45 and after July 1, 2007.