

By: Representative Chism

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1197

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-15-69, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO CLARIFY THE CODE SECTION REFERENCE ON PROVISIONS OF LAW
3 REGARDING REPORTING OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-15-69, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 63-15-69. (1) Where any person fails to report an accident
9 as required in Section * * * 63-3-411, in addition to any other
10 penalties prescribed by law, the department shall suspend the
11 license of the person failing to make such report, or the
12 nonresident's operating privilege of such person, until such
13 report has been filed and for such further period not to exceed
14 thirty (30) days as the department may fix.

15 (2) Any person who gives information required in a report or
16 otherwise as provided for in Section * * * 63-3-411, knowing or
17 having reason to believe that such information is false, or who
18 shall forge, or without authority, sign any evidence of proof of
19 financial responsibility, or who files or offers for filing any



20 such evidence of proof, knowing or having reason to believe that
21 it is forged or signed without authority, shall be fined not more
22 than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more
23 than one (1) year, or both, except where the statement may be made
24 under oath, in which case the person making the false statement
25 under oath shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalties for
26 perjury.

27 (3) Any person whose license or nonresident's operating
28 privilege has been suspended or revoked under this chapter, and
29 who, during such suspension or revocation drives any motor vehicle
30 upon any highway or knowingly permits any motor vehicle owned by
31 such person to be operated by another upon any highway, except as
32 permitted under this chapter, shall be fined not more than Five
33 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not exceeding six (6)
34 months, or both.

35 (4) Any person willfully failing to return his license as
36 required in Section 63-15-67, shall be fined not more than Five
37 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not to exceed thirty (30)
38 days, or both.

39 (5) Any person who shall violate any provision of this
40 chapter for which no penalty is otherwise provided shall be fined
41 not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not
42 more than six (6) months, or both.

43 (6) In order for an individual who has received a license
44 suspension under the State of Mississippi's Implied Consent Laws



45 to be eligible for reinstatement, in addition to other
46 requirements at law, he or she must provide to the Department of
47 Public Safety, a certificate of insurance as a method of giving
48 proof of financial responsibility as provided in Sections
49 63-15-37(1), 63-15-39 and 63-15-41, that shall be maintained for
50 not less than a period of three (3) years after issuance in
51 accordance with the requirements as set forth in Section 63-15-61.

52 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
53 and after its passage.

