

By: Representative Willis

To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 146

1 AN ACT TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 63-16-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE
2 OF 1972, TO REQUIRE MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE IN
3 AT LEAST THE MINIMUM AMOUNTS REQUIRED BY LAW BEFORE A MOTOR
4 VEHICLE OWNER MAY RENEW A REGISTRATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-16-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 reenacted and amended as follows:

8 63-16-9. Every owner of a motor vehicle in this state shall
9 comply with the motor vehicle liability insurance coverage in at
10 least the minimum amounts required under Section 63-15-3(j) before
11 that owner may * * * renew a registration for a motor
12 vehicle * * *. The owner must also maintain continuous coverage
13 in at least the minimum amounts required under Section 63-15-3(j)
14 throughout the registration period. The Department of Revenue
15 shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to enforce this
16 section. * * *

17 Under no circumstances shall county tax collectors have the
18 responsibility for collecting the penalties or in verifying
19 insurance coverage. The county tax collectors shall instead only



20 inform any inquiring registrant of the Department of Revenue's
21 requirements and processes concerning insurance compliance and
22 penalties.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
24 and after October 1, 2019.

