Adopted COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO

Senate Bill No. 2382

BY: Committee

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section
8 73-3-38, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9 73-3-38. (1) If a lawyer, attorney at law, or counselor at 10 law of another state is not licensed to practice law in 11 Mississippi, a television advertisement of the person's legal 12 services in any language must include in the advertisement the following: "NOT LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN MISSISSIPPI." 13 14 The notice must be of conspicuous size and duration (2) (a) 15 in the visual component of an advertisement; the audio portion of 16 an advertisement must plainly include substantially the same

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17 message. The notice must be in the languages used in the 18 advertisement.

(b) In lieu of the disclaimer required in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the advertiser may conspicuously state in both the visual and audio components of the advertisement that the person is licensed only in the specific states in which the person is licensed to practice law.

(3) Failure to comply with the provisions of this section
constitutes an unfair or deceptive act under Section 75-24-5.

26 SECTION 2. Section 75-24-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 27 amended as follows:

28 75-24-5. (1) Unfair methods of competition affecting 29 commerce and unfair or deceptive trade practices in or affecting 30 commerce are prohibited. Action may be brought under Section 31 75-24-5(1) only under the provisions of Section 75-24-9.

32 (2) Without limiting the scope of subsection (1) of this
33 section, the following unfair methods of competition and unfair or
34 deceptive trade practices or acts in the conduct of any trade or
35 commerce are hereby prohibited:

36 (a) Passing off goods or services as those of another;
37 (b) Misrepresentation of the source, sponsorship,
38 approval, or certification of goods or services;

39 (c) Misrepresentation of affiliation, connection, or40 association with, or certification by another;

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41 (d) Misrepresentation of designations of geographic
42 origin in connection with goods or services;

43 (e) Representing that goods or services have
44 sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses,
45 benefits, or quantities that they do not have or that a person has
46 a sponsorship, approval, status, affiliation, or connection that
47 he does not have;

48 (f) Representing that goods are original or new if they 49 are reconditioned, reclaimed, used, or secondhand;

50 (g) Representing that goods or services are of a 51 particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a 52 particular style or model, if they are of another;

53 (h) Disparaging the goods, services, or business of54 another by false or misleading representation of fact;

55 (i) Advertising goods or services with intent not to 56 sell them as advertised;

57 (j) Advertising goods or services with intent not to 58 supply reasonably expectable public demand, unless the 59 advertisement discloses a limitation of quantity;

60 (k) Misrepresentations of fact concerning the reasons61 for, existence of, or amounts of price reductions;

(1) Advertising by or on behalf of any licensed or
regulated health care professional which does not specifically
describe the license or qualifications of the licensed or
regulated health care professional;

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66 Charging an increased premium for reinstating a (m) 67 motor vehicle insurance policy that was cancelled or suspended by the insured solely for the reason that he was transferred out of 68 this state while serving in the United States Armed Forces or on 69 active duty in the National Guard or United States Armed Forces 70 71 Reserve. It is also an unfair practice for an insurer to charge 72 an increased premium for a new motor vehicle insurance policy if 73 the applicant for coverage or his covered dependents were 74 previously insured with a different insurer and canceled that 75 policy solely for the reason that he was transferred out of this 76 state while serving in the United States Armed Forces or on active 77 duty in the National Guard or United States Armed Forces Reserve. 78 For purposes of determining premiums, an insurer shall consider 79 such persons as having maintained continuous coverage. The 80 provisions of this paragraph (m) shall apply only to such instances when the insured does not drive the vehicle during the 81 82 period of cancellation or suspension of his policy * * *;

83 (n) Failure of an out-of-state attorney to comply with
84 the notice provisions of Section 73-3-38.

85 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 86 and after July 1, 2023 and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 73-3-38, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 2 1972, TO REQUIRE OUT-OF-STATE ATTORNEYS ADVERTISING ON TELEVISION

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3 TO DISCLOSE IF THEY ARE NOT LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN

- 4 MISSISSIPPI; TO AMEND SECTION 75-24-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
- 5 TO CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.