To: Insurance

By: Representative Watson

HOUSE BILL NO. 1108

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-11-101, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO MANDATE UNINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE IN ALL AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 5 **SECTION 1.** Section 83-11-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 6 amended as follows:
- 7 83-11-101. (1) No automobile liability insurance policy or
- 8 contract shall be issued or delivered after January 1, 1967,
- 9 unless it contains an endorsement or provisions undertaking to pay
- 10 the insured all sums which he shall be legally entitled to recover
- 11 as damages for bodily injury or death, or would be legally
- 12 entitled to recover as damages for bodily injury or death but for
- 13 the immunity provided under the Mississippi Tort Claims Act, from
- 14 the owner or operator of an uninsured motor vehicle, within limits
- 15 which shall be no less than those set forth in the Mississippi
- 16 Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Law, as amended, under
- 17 provisions approved by the Commissioner of Insurance; however, at
- 18 the option of the insured, the uninsured motorist limits may be

- 19 increased to limits not to exceed those provided in the policy of
- 20 bodily injury liability insurance of the insured or such lesser
- 21 limits as the insured elects to carry over the minimum requirement
- 22 set forth by this section. * * *
- 23 (2) No automobile liability insurance policy or contract
- 24 shall be issued or delivered after January 1, 1980, unless it
- 25 contains an endorsement or provisions undertaking to pay the
- 26 insured all sums which he shall be legally entitled to recover as
- 27 damages for property damage, or would be legally entitled to
- 28 recover as damages for property damage but for the immunity
- 29 provided under the Mississippi Tort Claims Act, from the owner or
- 30 operator of an uninsured motor vehicle, within limits which shall
- 31 be no less than those set forth in the Mississippi Motor Vehicle
- 32 Safety Responsibility Law, as amended, under provisions approved
- 33 by the Commissioner of Insurance; however, at the option of the
- 34 insured, the uninsured motorist limits may be increased to limits
- 35 not to exceed those provided in the policy of property damage
- 36 liability insurance of the insured or such lesser limits as the
- 37 insured elects to carry over the minimum requirement set forth by
- 38 this section. * * *
- 39 The property damage provision may provide an exclusion for
- 40 the first Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) of such property damage;
- 41 however, the uninsured motorist provision need not insure any
- 42 liability for property damage, for which loss the policyholder has
- 43 been compensated by insurance or otherwise.

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45 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

46 and after its passage.