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To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 889
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-3-121, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO ALLOW INSURANCE AGENTS TO FINANCE CERTAIN INSURANCE PREMIUMS;
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 83-3-121, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended follows:

7 83-3-121. No insurance company, or employee thereof, and no
8 broker or agent shall knowingly charge, demand, or receive a
9 premium for any policy of insurance except in accordance with the
10 applicable filing approved in the manner herein provided. No such
11 insurer or employee or agent thereof shall pay, allow, or give, or
12 offer to pay, allow, or give, directly or indirectly, as an
13 inducement to insurance or after insurance has been affected, any
14 rebate, discount, abatement, credit, or reduction of the premium
15 named in a policy of insurance, or any special favor or advantage
16 in the dividends or other benefits to accrue thereon, or any
17 valuable consideration or inducement whatever, not specified in
18 the policy of insurance. No insured named in a policy of
19 insurance nor any employee of such insured shall knowingly receive
20 or accept, directly or indirectly, any such rebate, discount,
21 abatement, or reduction of premium, or any special favor or
22 advantage or valuable consideration or inducement. Nothing herein
23 contained shall be construed as prohibiting the payment of
24 commissions or other compensation to duly licensed agents, nor as
25 prohibiting any participating insurer from distributing to its
26 policyholders dividends, savings, or the unused or unabsorbed

27 portion of premiums or premium deposits nor as prohibiting any
28 duly licensed agent from advancing an insurance premium for the
29 insured with or without interest thereon subject to the rules and
30 regulations of the Mississippi Department of Insurance.

31 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
32 and after July 1, 2000.