

By: Representatives Montgomery (74th), Mayo,
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To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1165

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-2-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 INCREASE FROM \$25.00 TO \$100.00 THE FINE FOR VIOLATION OF THE SEAT
3 BELT LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 63-2-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 63-2-7. (1) A violation of this chapter shall be a
8 misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)
9 upon conviction; however, only the operator of a vehicle may be
10 fined for a violation of this chapter by the operator or for a
11 violation of this chapter by a passenger. No fine shall be
12 imposed against the operator for a violation of this chapter by
13 the operator or by a front-seat passenger unless at the time the
14 operator was charged with a violation of this chapter he also was
15 charged with some other offense not in this chapter and he is
16 convicted of both offenses. However, an operator may be fined for
17 a violation of this chapter by a child who is at least four (4)
18 years of age but under eight (8) years of age, regardless of the
19 seat that the child occupies and regardless of whether the
20 operator was charged and convicted of some other offense at the
21 time the operator was charged with said violation of this chapter.
22 The maximum fine that may be imposed against the operator of a
23 vehicle for a violation of this chapter by the operator or for a
24 violation of this chapter by one or more passengers shall be
25 Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) in the aggregate.

26 (2) A violation of this chapter shall not be entered on the
27 driving record of any individual so convicted, nor shall any state

28 assessment provided for by Section 99-19-73, or any other state
29 law, be imposed or collected.

30 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
31 and after July 1, 2001.