

By: Senator(s) Harden

To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2973

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-2-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 DELETE THE PROVISIONS THAT PERMIT A FINE TO BE IMPOSED FOR A  
3 VIOLATION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE SEAT BELT LAW ONLY IF THE VIOLATOR  
4 IS ALSO CHARGED AND CONVICTED OF SOME OTHER OFFENSE; TO INCREASE  
5 THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF THE FINE THAT MAY BE IMPOSED FOR A  
6 VIOLATION OF THE SEAT BELT LAW BY MORE THAN ONE MOTOR VEHICLE  
7 OCCUPANT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-2-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
10 amended as follows:

11 63-2-7. (1) A violation of this chapter shall be a  
12 misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)  
13 upon conviction; however, only the operator of a vehicle may be  
14 fined for a violation of this chapter by the operator \* \* \*, for a  
15 violation of this chapter by \* \* \* a front-seat passenger or for a  
16 violation of this chapter by a child who is at least four (4)  
17 years of age but under eight (8) years of age, regardless of the  
18 seat that the child occupies \* \* \*. The maximum fine that may be  
19 imposed against the operator of a vehicle for a violation of this  
20 chapter by the operator or for a violation of this chapter by one  
21 or more passengers shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) in the  
22 aggregate.

23 (2) A violation of this chapter shall not be entered on the  
24 driving record of any individual so convicted, nor shall any state  
25 assessment provided for by Section 99-19-73, or any other state  
26 law, be imposed or collected.

27 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
28 and after July 1, 2005.