

By: Representative Lane

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 73

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 AMOUNT OF THE FINE THAT MAY BE IMPOSED FOR A VIOLATION OF THE
6 SEAT BELT LAW AND TO IMPOSE ENHANCED FINES FOR SECOND AND
7 SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS; 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 upon conviction for a first violation by a
13 fine of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), and punishable upon
14 conviction for a second or subsequent violation occurring within
15 three (3) years of a previous violation by a fine of Seventy-five
16 Dollars (\$75.00); however, only the operator of a vehicle may be
17 fined for a violation of this chapter by the operator, for a
18 violation of this chapter by a * * * front-seat passenger * * * or
19 for a violation of this chapter by a child who is at least four
20 (4) years of age but under eight (8) years of age, regardless of
21 the seat that the child occupies * * *. The maximum fine that may
22 be imposed against the operator of a vehicle for a violation of
23 this chapter by the operator or for a violation of this chapter by
24 one or more passengers shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), in
25 the aggregate, for a first violation, and Seventy-five Dollars
26 (\$75.00), in the aggregate, for a second or subsequent violation.

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

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

31 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
32 and after July 1, 2006.