

By: Representative Bourdeaux

To: Transportation

## HOUSE BILL NO. 419

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT THE HEADLIGHTS OF VEHICLES SHALL BE OPERATED WHENEVER  
3 PRECIPITATION OR OTHER CONDITIONS REQUIRE THE USE OF WINDSHIELD  
4 WIPERS; TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF ONLY THE PARKING LIGHTS OF VEHICLES  
5 DURING TIMES WHEN THE USE OF HEADLIGHTS IS REQUIRED; AND FOR  
6 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 63-7-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
9 amended as follows:

10 63-7-11. Every vehicle operated upon a street, road or  
11 highway within this state \* \* \* shall be equipped with lighted  
12 front and rear lamps as respectively required in Section 63-7-13  
13 for different classes of vehicles and subject to exemption with  
14 reference to lights on parked vehicles as hereinafter stated in  
15 this chapter, and such front and rear lamps shall be operated on  
16 every such vehicle during the following times:

17 (a) The period from sunset to sunrise; and

18 (b) Whenever precipitation or any other condition  
19 requires the use of windshield wipers.

20 It shall be unlawful for any vehicle operator to use only the  
21 parking lights or auxiliary driving lamps of the vehicle during  
22 any time when this section requires the use of the front and rear  
23 lamps of the vehicle.

24 Any person violating the provisions of this section, upon  
25 conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than  
26 Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).

27 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
28 and after July 1, 1999.