

By: Representative Walker

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 939

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-509, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO CLARIFY THE TYPES OF HIGHWAYS UPON WHICH MOTOR VEHICLES ARE
3 REQUIRED TO TRAVEL AT A MINIMUM SPEED OF FORTY MILES PER HOUR; AND
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 63-3-509, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 63-3-509. (1) No motor vehicle shall be driven at a speed
9 less than thirty (30) miles per hour on federal designated
10 highways where no hazard exists. An exception to this requirement
11 shall be recognized when reduced speed is necessary for safe
12 operation, or when a vehicle or combination of vehicles is
13 necessarily, or in compliance with law or police direction,
14 proceeding at a reduced speed.

15 Police officers are hereby authorized to enforce this
16 provision by directions to drivers. In the event of apparent
17 wilful disobedience to this provision and refusal to comply with
18 the direction of an officer in accordance herewith the continued
19 slow operation by a driver shall be a misdemeanor.

20 (2) In the event a speed limit of seventy (70) miles per
21 hour is established on any portion of the Interstate Highway
22 System or on controlled access highways with four (4) or more
23 lanes as is provided in Section 63-3-501, a minimum speed of forty
24 (40) miles per hour shall be established for those vehicles having
25 a maximum speed restriction of seventy (70) miles per hour.
26 Notice of the minimum speed shall be posted on such roads.

27 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from

28 and after July 1, 1999.