

By: Representative Walker

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 949

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-603, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL
3 ERECT SIGNS ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS DIRECTING SLOW-MOVING TRAFFIC
4 TO USE THE RIGHT LAND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 63-3-603, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 63-3-603. Whenever any roadway has been divided into three
9 (3) or more clearly marked lanes for traffic, except through or
10 bypassing a municipality, the following rules in addition to all
11 others consistent herewith shall apply:

12 (a) A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practical
13 entirely within a single lane and shall not be moved from such
14 lane until the driver has first ascertained that such movement can
15 be made with safety.

16 (b) A vehicle shall not be driven in the center lane
17 upon a roadway which is divided into three (3) lanes except when:

18 (i) Overtaking and passing another vehicle where
19 the roadway is clearly visible and such center lane is clear of
20 traffic within a safe distance;

21 (ii) Such vehicle is in preparation for a left
22 turn; or

23 (iii) Such center lane is at the time allocated
24 exclusively to traffic moving in the direction such vehicle is
25 proceeding and is signposted to give notice of such allocation.

26 (c) Official signs may be erected directing slow-moving
27 traffic to use a designated lane or allocating specified lanes to

28 traffic moving in the same direction, and drivers of vehicles
29 shall obey the directions of every such sign. The Mississippi
30 Department of Transportation shall erect signs on interstate
31 highways directing slow-moving traffic to use the right lane.

32 (d) Upon all roadways any vehicle proceeding at less
33 than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under
34 the conditions then existing shall be driven in the right-hand
35 lane then available for traffic, or as close as practicable to the
36 right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, except when overtaking and
37 passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or when
38 preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private
39 road or driveway.

40 (e) Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not
41 ride more than two (2) abreast except on paths or parts of
42 roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. Persons
43 riding two (2) abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable
44 movement of traffic and, on a laned roadway, shall ride within a
45 single lane.

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