

By: Representative Simpson

To: Public Utilities;  
Judiciary A

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1315

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-15-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS OPERATING  
3 CRANES OR SIMILAR EQUIPMENT WITHIN TEN FEET OF HIGH VOLTAGE  
4 OVERHEAD LINES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 45-15-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 45-15-11. No person shall use or operate any tools,  
9 equipment, crane, derrick, power shovel, drilling rig, pile  
10 driver, hoisting equipment, or similar apparatus, or any part  
11 thereof, \* \* \* within ten (10) feet of any high voltage overhead  
12 line, unless:

13 (a) There is posted and maintained a warning sign,  
14 as \* \* \* defined in Section 45-15-1, clearly legible and placed as  
15 follows:

16 (i) Within the equipment readily visible to the  
17 operator of such equipment when at the controls of such equipment;  
18 and

19 (ii) On the outside of the equipment in such  
20 number and location as to be readily visible to mechanics or other  
21 persons engaged in the work operations;

22 (b) There is installed an insulated cage-type guard or  
23 protective device about the boom or arm of all equipment, except  
24 backhoes or dippers and, where the equipment includes a lifting  
25 hook device, all lifting lines are equipped with insulator links  
26 on the lift hook connection; and

27 (c) A person is designated to observe clearance of the

28 equipment from any nearby high voltage overhead lines and to give  
29 timely warning for all operations where it is difficult, by visual  
30 means, for the operator to determine and to maintain the required  
31 clearance.

32 (d) Before operating the equipment, the person whose  
33 operations could come within ten (10) feet of any high voltage  
34 overhead line shall ascertain whether any part of any high voltage  
35 overhead line is located so that the operation of the equipment  
36 might bring any person, tools, equipment, crane, derrick, power  
37 shovel, drilling rig, pile driver, hoisting equipment or similar  
38 apparatus, or any part thereof, into physical or electrical  
39 contact with the high voltage overhead line, and this person shall  
40 advise employees of the location of the high voltage overhead  
41 lines, the hazards involved and the protective measures to be  
42 taken.

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