

By: Senator(s) Woodfield

To: Highways and
Transportation

SENATE BILL NO. 2359

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE CARRYING OF CERTAIN PASSENGERS IN A
2 TRUCK BED OR OPEN CARGO AREA; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

4 SECTION 1. (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this
5 section, every driver of a motor vehicle being operated in forward
6 motion on any public road, street or highway is prohibited from
7 carrying any passenger in a truck bed or in any open or uncovered
8 non-passenger or cargo area which does not have a passenger seat
9 or seats manufactured or installed as an integral part of the
10 vehicle. A motor vehicle is a vehicle intended primarily for use
11 and operation on the public roads, streets and highways which is
12 either self-propelled or is designed either to be attached to or
13 drawn by a self-propelled vehicle, but does not include farm
14 tractors and other machines and tools used in production,
15 harvesting and cultivation of farm products.

16 (2) Violation of this section is a violation of the traffic
17 regulations and rules of the road and shall be punished as
18 provided in Section 63-9-11, Mississippi Code of 1972.

19 (3) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the
20 carrying of any passenger aged eighteen (18) or older to or from
21 his place of employment.

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