

By: Senator(s) Walls

To: Highways and
Transportation

SENATE BILL NO. 2523

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 RESULT IN POOR VISIBILITY; TO
4 PROHIBIT THE USE OF ONLY THE PARKING LIGHTS OF VEHICLES DURING
5 TIMES WHEN THE USE OF HEADLIGHTS IS REQUIRED; AND FOR RELATED
6 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;

18 (b) Whenever there is precipitation in the driving
19 zone; and

20 (c) At all times when visibility in the driving zone is
21 impaired.

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

26 Any person violating the provisions of this section, upon
27 conviction, shall be punished by a fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)
28 for a first offense, and One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for any

29 second or subsequent offense.

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