Pending AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

House Bill NO. 947

By Senator(s) Committee

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

13 SECTION 1. Section 63-7-91, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 14 amended as follows:

63-7-91. When any vehicle, whether pulled, towed, 15 self-propelled or animal-drawn, which is not under ordinary 16 circumstances moved, operated or driven at a speed in excess of 17 twenty-five (25) miles per hour, is moved, operated or driven on 18 any public highway or city street which is open for vehicular 19 20 travel, it shall display a triangular slow-moving-vehicle emblem or high intensity reflectorized tape mounted as near as 21 22 practicable to the center of the mass and at an approximate height 23 of not less than two (2) nor more than six (6) feet from level ground or pavement surface. In any event, the emblem or tape 24 shall be mounted so as to be entirely visible from the rear, day 25 or night; and * * * the emblem or tape and their position of 26 27 mounting on the vehicle shall meet the specifications established by rules and regulations properly adopted and promulgated by the 28 29 Commissioner of Public Safety. Vehicles required to display such 30 an emblem or strip shall not be operated during the period from sunset to sunrise. 31

32 SECTION 2. Section 63-7-93, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 33 amended as follows:

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40 SECTION 3. Section 63-7-95, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 41 amended as follows:

63-7-95. The Commissioner of Public Safety is hereby 42 43 authorized, empowered and directed to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations establishing standards and specifications for the 44 design, materials and mounting of a standard slow-moving-vehicle 45 46 emblem and high intensity reflectorized tape for the uniform identification of slow-moving vehicles. In adopting said rules 47 48 and regulations the Commissioner of Public Safety shall consider the standard markings used in other states, the current 49 50 recommendations of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers and the Society of Automotive Engineers, in order that the 51 slow-moving-vehicle emblem or tape may be more universally 52 recognizable and of adequate quality. 53

54 SECTION 4. Section 63-7-99, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 55 amended as follows:

56 63-7-99. Compliance with Section 63-7-91 shall not create a 57 prima facie case or presumption that such owner or operator of the 58 vehicle used reasonable and ordinary care in the operation of such 59 vehicle under the circumstances then existing by the use or 60 display of such slow-moving-vehicle emblem <u>or high intensity</u> 61 <u>reflectorized tape</u>.

62 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from 63 and after July 1, 1999.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 63-7-91, 63-7-93, 63-7-95 AND

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63-7-99, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE DISPLAY OF HIGH INTENSITY REFLECTORIZED TAPE IN LIEU OF A TRIANGULAR EMBLEM 2 3 4 TO IDENTIFY SLOW-MOVING VEHICLES ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS AND CITY 5 STREETS; TO PROHIBIT VEHICLES REQUIRED TO DISPLAY SUCH AN EMBLEM 6 OR STRIP FROM OPERATING DURING THE PERIOD FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET; 7 TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY, BY RULE AND 8 REGULATION, TO ESTABLISH SPECIFICATIONS FOR POSITIONING AND 9 MOUNTING SUCH TAPE ON VEHICLES; TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF SUCH TAPE ON OTHER VEHICLES OR STATIONARY OBJECTS ON OR ALONG ANY PUBLIC 10 HIGHWAY OR STREET; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. 11

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