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To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 579

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 63-7-47 AND 63-7-15, MISSISSIPPI
2 CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE VEHICLES WITH A LOAD THAT PROJECTS FOUR
3 FEET OR MORE BEYOND THE BED OR BODY OF THE VEHICLE TO DISPLAY A
4 FLUORESCENT ORANGE FLAG AT THE EXTREME REAR END OF THE LOAD; AND
5 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 63-7-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 63-7-47. Whenever the load upon any vehicle extends to the
10 rear four (4) feet or more beyond the bed or body of such vehicle,
11 there shall be displayed at the extreme rear end of the load, at
12 the times specified in Section 63-7-11, a red light or lantern
13 plainly visible from a distance of at least five hundred (500)
14 feet to the sides and rear. The red light or lantern required
15 under this section shall be in addition to the red light required
16 upon every vehicle. At any other time there shall be displayed at
17 the extreme rear end of such load a fluorescent orange flag or
18 cloth not less than sixteen (16) inches square.

19 SECTION 2. Section 63-7-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
20 amended as follows:

21 63-7-15. (1) **Every bus or truck.**--On every bus or truck,
22 whatever its size, there shall be at least the following lighting

23 devices and reflectors:--On the front, two (2) head lamps, one (1)
24 at each side. On the rear, one (1) red tail lamp; one (1) red or
25 amber stop light; two (2) red reflectors, one (1) at each side.

26 (2) **Every bus or truck eighty (80) inches or more in width.**

27 --On every bus or truck eighty (80) inches or more in overall
28 width there shall be at least the following lighting devices and
29 reflectors: On the front, two (2) head lamps, one (1) at each
30 side; two (2) amber clearance lamps, one (1) at each side. On the
31 rear, one (1) red tail lamp; one (1) red or amber stop light; two
32 (2) red clearance lamps, one (1) at each side; two (2) red
33 reflectors, one at each side. On each side, one (1) amber
34 side-marked lamp, located at or near the front; one (1) red
35 side-marker lamp, located at or near the rear; one (1) amber
36 reflector, located at or near the front; one (1) red reflector,
37 located at or near the rear.

38 (3) **Every truck tractor.**--On every truck tractor there shall
39 be at least the following lighting devices and reflectors. On the
40 front, two (2) head lamps, one (1) at each side; two (2) amber
41 clearance lamps, one (1) at each side. On the rear, one (1) red
42 tail lamp; one (1) red or amber stop light.

43 (4) **Every semitrailer or trailer in excess of three thousand**
44 **(3,000) pounds gross weight.**--On every semitrailer or full trailer
45 having a gross weight in excess of three thousand (3,000) pounds,
46 there shall be at least the following lighting devices and
47 reflectors: On the front, two (2) amber clearance lamps, one (1)
48 at each side. On the rear, one (1) red tail lamp; one (1) red or
49 amber stop light; two (2) red clearance lamps, one (1) at each
50 side; two (2) red reflectors, one (1) at each side. On each side,
51 one (1) amber side-marker lamp, located at or near the front; one
52 (1) red side-marker lamp, located at or near the rear; one (1)
53 amber reflector, located at or near the front; one (1) red

54 reflector, located at or near the rear.

55 (5) **Every semitrailer or trailer weighing three thousand**
56 **(3,000) pounds gross or less.**--On every semitrailer or full
57 trailer having a gross weight of three thousand (3,000) pounds or
58 less, there shall be at least the following lighting devices and
59 reflectors: On the front, no requirement. On the rear, one (1)
60 red tail lamp; two (2) red reflectors, one (1) at each side; one
61 (1) red or amber stop light if the semitrailer or full trailer
62 obscures the stop light on the towing vehicle.

63 (6) **Every pole-trailer.**--On every pole-trailer there shall
64 be at least the following lighting devices and reflectors: On the
65 front, no requirement. On the rear, one (1) red tail lamp; two
66 (2) red reflectors, one (1) at each side, placed to indicate
67 extreme width of the pole-trailer or its load, whichever is wider.
68 (A red lantern or fluorescent orange flag on the end of a
69 projecting load shall be required as provided in Section 63-7-47.)
70 On each side, on the rearmost support for the load, one (1)
71 combination marker lamp showing amber to the front and red to the
72 side and rear, mounted to indicate maximum width of the
73 pole-trailer or load; one (1) red reflector, located at or near
74 the rear.

75 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
76 and after July 1, 2000.