

By: Moody

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 780

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-615, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO CREATE A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION THAT THE OWNER OF A MOTOR
3 VEHICLE THAT PASSES A SCHOOL BUS ILLEGALLY IS THE DRIVER OF THE
4 MOTOR VEHICLE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 63-3-615, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:[HS1]

8 63-3-615. (1) The driver of a vehicle upon a street or
9 highway upon meeting or overtaking any school bus which has
10 stopped on the street or highway for the purpose of receiving or
11 discharging any school children shall come to a complete stop and
12 shall not proceed until the children have crossed the street or
13 highway and the school bus has proceeded in the direction it was
14 going. If the driver of the bus records the tag number of a motor
15 vehicle who violates this section and provides such information to
16 an enforcement officer, there shall be a rebuttable presumption
17 that the owner of the motor vehicle is the driver of such motor
18 vehicle.

19 (2) Any person violating the provisions of subsection (1) of
20 this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction
21 thereof shall be fined not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)
22 nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or imprisoned for

23 not more than one (1) year, or both.

24 (3) This section shall be applicable only in the event the
25 school bus shall bear upon the front and rear thereon a plainly
26 visible sign containing the words "school bus" in letters not less
27 than four (4) inches in height.

28 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
29 and after July 1, 2000.