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To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1319

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-5-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 INCREASE THE MAXIMUM WIDTH OF CERTAIN TRAILERS AUTHORIZED TO BE
3 OPERATED ON THE PUBLIC ROADS, STREETS AND HIGHWAYS OF THIS STATE;
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 63-5-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:[JWB1]

8 63-5-13. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
9 the total outside width of any vehicle, exclusive of required
10 safety devices, or the load thereon shall not exceed eight and
11 one-half (8-1/2) feet.

12 (2) The total outside load width of any vehicle hauling
13 unprocessed forest products on public roads, streets or highways,
14 other than interstate highways, shall not exceed nine and one-half
15 (9-1/2) feet if such products may not be shortened without
16 rendering them useless for the end product for which they were
17 cut; provided, however, the total outside vehicle width of such a
18 vehicle, exclusive of required safety devices and the load of such
19 vehicle, shall not exceed eight and one-half (8-1/2) feet.

20 (3) The total outside width of a farm tractor shall not
21 exceed ten (10) feet, except that farm tractors shall not be
22 operated upon the interstate highways without a special permit
23 from the State Highway Commission.

24 (4) The total outside width of any low boy trailer designed
25 for use in hauling heavy equipment, including the load, shall not
26 exceed ten (10) feet.

27 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from

28 and after July 1, 2000.