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To: Highways and  
Transportation

SENATE BILL NO. 2629  
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 55-13-33 AND 55-13-35, MISSISSIPPI  
2 CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM THE SIGN,  
3 ADVERTISEMENT AND BUILDING RESTRICTIONS IN PROXIMITY OF OR  
4 ADJACENT TO THE NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY; TO EXEMPT CONSTRUCTION OF  
5 OR IMPROVEMENTS TO CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS BASED ON A BUILDING PERMIT  
6 ISSUED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2000; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 55-13-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
9 amended as follows:

10 55-13-33. No advertisement or advertising structure shall be  
11 erected, constructed, installed, maintained or operated within one  
12 thousand (1,000) feet of the outside boundary of the Natchez Trace  
13 Parkway outside the limits of any municipality except as follows:

14 \* \* \*

15 (a) Historic markers erected by duly constituted and  
16 authorized public authorities;

17 (b) Highway markers and signs erected or caused to be  
18 erected by the Mississippi State Highway Department or other  
19 authorized authorities in accordance with the law; and

20 (c) Directional and official signs or notices erected  
21 and maintained by public officers or agencies pursuant to and in  
22 accordance with lawful authorization for the purpose of carrying  
23 out an official duty or responsibility.

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25 SECTION 2. Section 55-13-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
26 amended as follows:[WAN1]

27 55-13-35. It shall be unlawful to construct or erect any  
28 structure or advertisement sign of more than three (3) stories or

29 thirty-five (35) feet in height, whichever is lesser, within one  
30 thousand (1,000) feet of the outside boundary of the Natchez Trace  
31 Parkway. Such restrictions on any structure or advertisement sign  
32 shall apply notwithstanding that such area is located inside or  
33 outside a municipality and notwithstanding any other provisions of  
34 law to the contrary. \* \* \* This section shall not apply to any  
35 building in existence on July 1, 1988. Construction of and  
36 improvements to churches and schools, based on building permits  
37 issued prior to July 1, 2000, are exempted from the application of  
38 this section.

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