To: Transportation

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Representative Zuber

HOUSE BILL NO. 219

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-501, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT FOR TRUCKS SHALL BE FIVE MILES PER HOUR LESS THAN THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT ESTABLISHED FOR OTHER VEHICLES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 63-3-501, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-3-501. (1) No person shall operate a vehicle on the highways of the state at a speed greater than sixty-five (65) miles per hour.

(2) The Mississippi Transportation Commission may, in its discretion, by order duly entered on its minutes, increase the speed restrictions on any portion of the Interstate Highway System provided such speed restrictions are not increased to more than seventy (70) miles per hour. The commission may likewise increase the speed limit to seventy (70) miles per hour on controlled access highways with four (4) or more lanes.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the maximum speed limit for trucks shall be five (5) miles per hour less than the speed limit for other vehicles established under subsections (1) and (2) of this section. For the purposes of this subsection the term "truck" means a motor vehicle in excess of ten thousand (10,000) pounds, gross vehicle weight.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2001.