

By: Representative Cameron

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 222

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-603, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REQUIRE VEHICLES TO BE DRIVEN IN THE RIGHT-HAND LANE ON  
3 ROADWAYS DIVIDED INTO FOUR OR MORE LANES FOR TRAFFIC; AND FOR  
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 63-3-603, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 63-3-603. Whenever any roadway has been divided into three  
9 (3) or more clearly marked lanes for traffic, except through or  
10 bypassing a municipality, the following rules in addition to all  
11 others consistent herewith shall apply:

12 (a) A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practical  
13 entirely within a single lane and shall not be moved from such  
14 lane until the driver has first ascertained that such movement can  
15 be made with safety.

16 (b) A vehicle shall not be driven in the center lane  
17 upon a roadway which is divided into three (3) lanes except when:

18 (i) Overtaking and passing another vehicle where  
19 the roadway is clearly visible and such center lane is clear of  
20 traffic within a safe distance;

21 (ii) Such vehicle is in preparation for a left  
22 turn; or

23 (iii) Such center lane is at the time allocated  
24 exclusively to traffic moving in the direction such vehicle is  
25 proceeding and is signposted to give notice of such allocation.

26 (c) Official signs may be erected directing slow-moving  
27 traffic to use a designated lane or allocating specified lanes to



28 traffic moving in the same direction, and drivers of vehicles  
29 shall obey the directions of every such sign.

30 (d) Upon all roadways any vehicle proceeding at less  
31 than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under  
32 the conditions then existing shall be driven in the right-hand  
33 lane then available for traffic, or as close as practicable to the  
34 right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, except when overtaking and  
35 passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or when  
36 preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private  
37 road or driveway.

38 (e) Whenever any roadway is divided into four (4) or  
39 more lanes for traffic, every vehicle shall be driven in the  
40 right-hand lane nearest the edge of the roadway except when  
41 overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same  
42 direction or except when preparing for a left turn or exit to the  
43 left.

44 (f) Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not  
45 ride more than two (2) abreast except on paths or parts of  
46 roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. Persons  
47 riding two (2) abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable  
48 movement of traffic and, on a laned roadway, shall ride within a  
49 single lane.

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

