

By: Representative Rotenberry

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 355

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 63-7-47 AND 63-7-15, MISSISSIPPI  
2 CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE VEHICLES WITH A LOAD THAT PROJECTS FOUR  
3 FEET OR MORE BEYOND THE BED OR BODY OF THE VEHICLE TO DISPLAY A  
4 FLUORESCENT ORANGE FLAG AT THE EXTREME REAR END OF THE LOAD; AND  
5 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 63-7-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 63-7-47. Whenever the load upon any vehicle extends to the  
10 rear four (4) feet or more beyond the bed or body of such vehicle,  
11 there shall be displayed at the extreme rear end of the load, at  
12 the times specified in Section 63-7-11, a red light or lantern  
13 plainly visible from a distance of at least five hundred (500)  
14 feet to the sides and rear. The red light or lantern required  
15 under this section shall be in addition to the red light required  
16 upon every vehicle. At any other time there shall be displayed at  
17 the extreme rear end of such load a fluorescent orange flag or  
18 cloth not less than sixteen (16) inches square.

19 SECTION 2. Section 63-7-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
20 amended as follows:

21 63-7-15. (1) **Every bus or truck.**--On every bus or truck,  
22 whatever its size, there shall be at least the following lighting  
23 devices and reflectors:--On the front, two (2) head lamps, one (1)  
24 at each side. On the rear, one (1) red tail lamp; one (1) red or  
25 amber stop light; two (2) red reflectors, one (1) at each side.

26 (2) **Every bus or truck eighty (80) inches or more in width.**  
27 --On every bus or truck eighty (80) inches or more in overall  
28 width there shall be at least the following lighting devices and



29 reflectors: On the front, two (2) head lamps, one (1) at each  
30 side; two (2) amber clearance lamps, one (1) at each side. On the  
31 rear, one (1) red tail lamp; one (1) red or amber stop light; two  
32 (2) red clearance lamps, one (1) at each side; two (2) red  
33 reflectors, one at each side. On each side, one (1) amber  
34 side-marked lamp, located at or near the front; one (1) red  
35 side-marker lamp, located at or near the rear; one (1) amber  
36 reflector, located at or near the front; one (1) red reflector,  
37 located at or near the rear.

38 (3) **Every truck tractor.**--On every truck tractor there shall  
39 be at least the following lighting devices and reflectors. On the  
40 front, two (2) head lamps, one (1) at each side; two (2) amber  
41 clearance lamps, one (1) at each side. On the rear, one (1) red  
42 tail lamp; one (1) red or amber stop light.

43 (4) **Every semitrailer or trailer in excess of three thousand**  
44 **(3,000) pounds gross weight.**--On every semitrailer or full trailer  
45 having a gross weight in excess of three thousand (3,000) pounds,  
46 there shall be at least the following lighting devices and  
47 reflectors: On the front, two (2) amber clearance lamps, one (1)  
48 at each side. On the rear, one (1) red tail lamp; one (1) red or  
49 amber stop light; two (2) red clearance lamps, one (1) at each  
50 side; two (2) red reflectors, one (1) at each side. On each side,  
51 one (1) amber side-marker lamp, located at or near the front; one  
52 (1) red side-marker lamp, located at or near the rear; one (1)  
53 amber reflector, located at or near the front; one (1) red  
54 reflector, located at or near the rear.

55 (5) **Every semitrailer or trailer weighing three thousand**  
56 **(3,000) pounds gross or less.**--On every semitrailer or full  
57 trailer having a gross weight of three thousand (3,000) pounds or  
58 less, there shall be at least the following lighting devices and  
59 reflectors: On the front, no requirement. On the rear, one (1)  
60 red tail lamp; two (2) red reflectors, one (1) at each side; one



61 (1) red or amber stop light if the semitrailer or full trailer  
62 obscures the stop light on the towing vehicle.

63 (6) **Every pole-trailer.**--On every pole-trailer there shall  
64 be at least the following lighting devices and reflectors: On the  
65 front, no requirement. On the rear, one (1) red tail lamp; two  
66 (2) red reflectors, one (1) at each side, placed to indicate  
67 extreme width of the pole-trailer or its load, whichever is wider.  
68 (A red lantern or fluorescent orange flag on the end of a  
69 projecting load shall be required as provided in Section 63-7-47.)  
70 On each side, on the rearmost support for the load, one (1)  
71 combination marker lamp showing amber to the front and red to the  
72 side and rear, mounted to indicate maximum width of the  
73 pole-trailer or load; one (1) red reflector, located at or near  
74 the rear.

75 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
76 and after July 1, 2001.

