

By: Representative Pierce

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 877

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-611, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROHIBIT A MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR FROM PASSING AT AN
3 APPROACHING INTERSECTION WHENEVER A SOLID YELLOW LINE APPEARS
4 ALONG THE CENTER OF THE ROADWAY FOR A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET; AND
5 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 63-3-611, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 63-3-611. (1) No vehicle shall be driven to the left side
10 of the center of the roadway in overtaking and passing another
11 vehicle proceeding in the same direction unless such left side is
12 clearly visible and is free of oncoming traffic for a sufficient
13 distance ahead to permit such overtaking and passing to be
14 completely made without interfering with the safe operation of any
15 vehicle approaching from the opposite direction or any vehicle
16 overtaken. In every event the overtaking vehicle must return to
17 the right-hand side of the roadway before coming within one
18 hundred (100) feet of any vehicle approaching from the opposite
19 direction.

20 (2) No vehicle shall, in overtaking and passing another
21 vehicle or at any other time, be driven to the left side of the
22 roadway under the following conditions:

23 (a) When approaching the crest of a grade or upon a
24 curve in the highway where the driver's view along the highway is
25 obstructed;

26 (b) When approaching within one hundred (100) feet of
27 any marked or readily distinguishable bridge, viaduct, * * *
28 tunnel, or railroad grade crossing;



29 (c) When approaching within one hundred (100) feet
30 of * * * any marked or readily distinguishable intersection;
31 however, for the purposes of this paragraph (c) an intersection is
32 not marked or readily distinguishable unless when approaching the
33 intersection the vehicle operator is given notice not to overtake
34 or pass another vehicle by the appearance of a solid yellow line
35 along the center of the roadway for a distance of at least one
36 hundred (100) feet. The provisions of this paragraph shall not be
37 construed to create any duty or responsibility for any state
38 agency, county or municipality, or any officer or employee
39 thereof, to place or have placed solid yellow lines along the
40 center of roadways, and a state agency, county or municipality, or
41 an officer or employee thereof, shall not be civilly liable for
42 failing to place or have placed solid yellow lines along the
43 center of roadways; or

44 (d) When official signs are in place directing that
45 traffic keep to the right, or a distinctive center line is marked,
46 which distinctive line also so directs traffic as declared in the
47 sign manual adopted by the State Highway Commission.

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

