HOUSE BILL NO. 1087

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-85, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT ANY PORTION OF THE LOAD ON VEHICLES HAULING SAND, DIRT, GRAVEL OR ROCK FROM EXTENDING LESS THAN SIX INCHES FROM THE TOP OF THE VEHICLE BED OR SIDEBOARDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 63-7-85, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-7-85. In lieu of the tarpaulin provided in Section 63-7-83, a truck, trailer or other carrier with an open top while traveling upon any state, United States or interstate highway in the State of Mississippi and while carrying any load of sand, dirt, gravel or rock shall be in full compliance with Sections 63-7-83 through 63-7-89 provided that no part of the load is within six (6) inches of the top of the bed or that the vehicle is equipped with four (4) six-inch (6") sideboards, which sideboards shall be attached one (1) each to the front, back and two (2) sides of the carrier body, and shall remain lowered while the body is being loaded, provided that no part of the load shall extend above the body of the carrier. After loading, the sideboards shall be raised and secured to remain raised during travel, and the space between the top of the sideboards and the top of all parts of the load ** shall not be less than six (6) inches from the top of the sideboards.

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