

By: Senator(s) Dearing (By Request)

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2417

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-11-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 AUTHORIZE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF  
3 TRANSPORTATION TO DIRECT THAT CHEMICAL TESTS OF A PERSON'S BREATH,  
4 BLOOD OR URINE BE ADMINISTERED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE  
5 PRESENCE OF SUBSTANCES IN SUCH PERSON'S BODY WHICH WOULD IMPAIR  
6 HIS OR HER ABILITY TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE; AND FOR RELATED  
7 PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. Section 63-11-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
10 amended as follows:

11 63-11-5. (1) Any person who operates a motor vehicle upon  
12 the public highways, public roads and streets of this state shall  
13 be deemed to have given his consent, subject to the provisions of  
14 this chapter, to a chemical test or tests of his breath for the  
15 purpose of determining alcohol concentration. A person shall give  
16 his consent to a chemical test or tests of his breath, blood or  
17 urine for the purpose of determining the presence in his body of  
18 any other substance which would impair a person's ability to  
19 operate a motor vehicle. The test or tests shall be administered  
20 at the direction of any highway patrol officer, any sheriff or his  
21 duly commissioned deputies, any police officer in any incorporated  
22 municipality, any national park ranger, any enforcement officer of  
23 the Mississippi Department of Transportation, any officer of a  
24 state-supported institution of higher learning campus police force  
25 if such officer is exercising this authority in regard to a  
26 violation that occurred on campus property, or any security  
27 officer appointed and commissioned pursuant to the Pearl River  
28 Valley Water Supply District Security Officer Law of 1978 if such  
29 officer is exercising this authority in regard to a violation that



30 occurred within the limits of the Pearl River Valley Water Supply  
31 District, when such officer has reasonable grounds and probable  
32 cause to believe that the person was driving or had under his  
33 actual physical control a motor vehicle upon the public streets or  
34 highways of this state while under the influence of intoxicating  
35 liquor or any other substance which had impaired such person's  
36 ability to operate a motor vehicle. No such test shall be  
37 administered by any person who has not met all the educational and  
38 training requirements of the appropriate course of study  
39 prescribed by the Board on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and  
40 Training; provided, however, that sheriffs and elected chiefs of  
41 police shall be exempt from such educational and training  
42 requirement. No such tests shall be given by any officer or any  
43 agency to any person within fifteen (15) minutes of consumption of  
44 any substance by mouth.

45 (2) If the officer has reasonable grounds and probable cause  
46 to believe such person to have been driving a motor vehicle upon  
47 the public highways, public roads and streets of this state while  
48 under the influence of intoxicating liquor, such officer shall  
49 inform such person that his failure to submit to such chemical  
50 test or tests of his breath shall result in the suspension of his  
51 privilege to operate a motor vehicle upon the public streets and  
52 highways of this state for a period of ninety (90) days in the  
53 event such person has not previously been convicted of a violation  
54 of Section 63-11-30, or, for a period of one (1) year in the event  
55 of any previous conviction of such person under Section 63-11-30.

56 (3) The traffic ticket, citation or affidavit issued to a  
57 person arrested for a violation of this chapter shall conform to  
58 the requirements of Section 63-9-21(3)(b).

59 (4) Any person arrested under the provisions of this chapter  
60 shall be informed that he has the right to telephone for the  
61 purpose of requesting legal or medical assistance immediately  
62 after being booked for a violation under this chapter.



63           (5) The Commissioner of Public Safety and the State Crime  
64 Laboratory created pursuant to Section 45-1-17 are hereby  
65 authorized from and after the passage of this section to adopt  
66 procedures, rules and regulations, applicable to the Implied  
67 Consent Law.

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

