

By: Senator(s) Walls

To: Highways and
Transportation

SENATE BILL NO. 2661

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE ALL VEHICLES OPERATED ON PUBLIC ROADS TO BE EQUIPPED WITH
3 FRONT AND REAR LAMPS, TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH LAMPS SHALL BE OPERATED
4 WHENEVER PRECIPITATION OR OTHER CONDITIONS RESULT IN POOR
5 VISIBILITY; TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF ONLY THE PARKING LIGHTS OF
6 VEHICLES DURING TIMES WHEN THE USE OF FRONT AND REAR LAMPS IS
7 REQUIRED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. Section 63-7-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 63-7-11. Every vehicle operated upon a street, road or
12 highway within this state * * * shall be equipped with lighted
13 front and rear lamps as respectively required in Section 63-7-13
14 for different classes of vehicles and subject to exemption with
15 reference to lights on parked vehicles as hereinafter stated in
16 this chapter, and such front and rear lamps shall be operated on
17 every such vehicle during the following times:

18 (a) The period from sunset to sunrise;

19 (b) Whenever there is precipitation in the driving
20 zone; and

21 (c) At all times when visibility in the driving zone is
22 impaired.

23 It shall be unlawful for any vehicle operator to use only the
24 parking lights or auxiliary driving lamps of the vehicle during
25 any time when this section requires the use of the front and rear
26 lamps of the vehicle.

27 Any person violating the provisions of this section, upon
28 conviction, shall be punished by a fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)

29 for a first offense, and One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for any
30 second or subsequent offense.

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