

By: Representative Compretta

To: Transportation

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1597

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 63-3-7 AND 63-3-415, MISSISSIPPI
2 CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO
3 CHARGE A FEE FOR PREPARING AND PROVIDING BOOKLETS CONTAINING THE
4 RULES OF THE ROAD AND FURNISHING COPIES OF THE STATEWIDE UNIFORM
5 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT REPORT FORM TO OTHER AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS; TO
6 PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OR ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT
7 OR AGENCY FROM CHARGING A FEE FOR SUCH BOOKLETS TO A MEMBER OF THE
8 PUBLIC; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO COMPILE
9 THE RULES OF THE ROAD AND STATEWIDE UNIFORM TRAFFIC ACCIDENT
10 REPORT FORMS IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT AND TO MAKE SUCH RULES AND
11 REPORTS ACCESSIBLE WITHOUT COST; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

13 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-3-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
14 amended as follows:

15 63-3-7. The Commissioner of Public Safety is hereby
16 authorized and directed to compile in a condensed form the "Rules
17 of the Road" as set out by this chapter and have sufficient copies
18 printed in pocket size booklet form. The booklets shall be made
19 available to the various law enforcement departments, other
20 agencies and members of the public. The Department of Public
21 Safety may charge another department or agency an amount not
22 exceeding the actual costs incurred by the department in
23 compiling, printing and distributing the booklets; however, no
24 charge may be made by the Department of Public Safety or any other
25 department or agency for distribution of the booklets to the
26 public. The Department of Public Safety also may compile a
27 condensed form of the "Rules of the Road" in electronic format,
28 which shall be accessible by law enforcement departments, other
29 agencies and the public without charge.

30 **SECTION 2.** Section 63-3-415, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
31 amended as follows:



32 63-3-415. (1) The department shall prepare and
33 furnish * * * "statewide uniform traffic accident report" forms to
34 other agencies, municipal police departments, county sheriffs and
35 other suitable law enforcement agencies or individuals. The
36 department may charge an amount not exceeding the actual costs
37 incurred by the department in preparing and furnishing the forms.
38 The Department of Public Safety also may make such forms available
39 in electronic format, which shall be accessible by law enforcement
40 departments and other agencies without charge.

41 (2) Every accident report required by Section 63-3-411 from
42 a law enforcement officer or individual shall be made on the
43 "statewide uniform traffic accident report" form provided by the
44 department.

45 (3) In addition to the information required on the accident
46 report forms provided for herein, the department shall include a
47 place on such report forms for the phone numbers of the parties
48 involved in the accident and any witnesses to such accident.

49 (4) "Statewide uniform traffic accident report" forms shall
50 not have printed upon them the name of any elected state official.

51 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
52 and after July 1, 2002.

