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To: Judiciary

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2097

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS TO DIRECT,
2 CONTROL OR REGULATE TRAFFIC WHILE ACTUALLY ENGAGED IN THE
3 PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 63-3-203 AND
4 63-3-313, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** A volunteer fire fighter registered with the
8 State of Mississippi or a political subdivision thereof shall be
9 authorized to direct, control or regulate traffic while actually
10 engaged in the performance of his duties if in the absence of or
11 at the direction of a law enforcement authority.

12 **SECTION 2.** Section 63-3-203, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
13 amended as follows:

14 63-3-203. No person shall willfully fail or refuse to comply
15 with any lawful order or direction of any police officer or
16 volunteer fire fighter invested by law with authority to direct,
17 control or regulate traffic.

18 **SECTION 3.** Section 63-3-313, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
19 amended as follows:

20 63-3-313. No driver of a vehicle shall disobey the
21 instructions of any official traffic-control device placed in
22 accordance with the provisions of this chapter, unless at the time
23 otherwise directed by a police officer or volunteer fire fighter
24 invested by law with authority to direct, control or regulate
25 traffic.

26 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
27 and after July 1, 2002.

