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To: Highways and  
Transportation

SENATE BILL NO. 2411

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-5-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
 2 AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OR LOCAL  
 3 AUTHORITIES TO ISSUE PERMITS AUTHORIZING EQUIPMENT DEALERS TO  
 4 DELIVER TO THEIR CUSTOMERS MACHINERY OR EQUIPMENT INTENDED TO BE  
 5 USED FOR NORMAL FARM PURPOSES AND HAVING A WIDTH IN EXCESS OF THE  
 6 MAXIMUM REQUIREMENTS IF THE WIDTH OF SUCH EQUIPMENT OR MACHINERY  
 7 IS 16 FEET OR LESS; TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH PERMIT SHALL ALLOW THE  
 8 MOVEMENT OF SUCH MACHINERY OR EQUIPMENT DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS  
 9 WITHIN A 50-MILE RADIUS OF THE BUSINESS LOCATION OF THE DEALER  
 10 WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF AN ESCORT VEHICLE; AND FOR RELATED  
 11 PURPOSES.

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

13 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-5-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
 14 amended as follows:

15 63-5-51. (1) (a) The Mississippi Transportation Commission  
 16 with respect to highways under its jurisdiction and local  
 17 authorities with respect to highways under their jurisdiction may,  
 18 in their discretion, upon application in writing and good cause  
 19 being shown therefor, issue a special permit in writing  
 20 authorizing the applicant to operate or move a vehicle or  
 21 combination of vehicles of a size or weight of vehicle or load  
 22 exceeding the maximum specified in this chapter or otherwise not  
 23 in conformity with the provisions of this chapter upon any highway  
 24 under the jurisdiction of the party granting such permit and for  
 25 the maintenance of which said party is responsible.

26 (b) The application for any such permit shall  
 27 specifically describe the general operation and load to be moved,  
 28 and the particular highways for which the permit to operate is  
 29 requested, and whether such permit is requested for a single trip,  
 30 or for continuous operation.



31           (c) The Mississippi Transportation Commission or local  
32 authority is authorized to issue or withhold such permit at its  
33 discretion. If such permit is issued, the Mississippi  
34 Transportation Commission or local authority is authorized to  
35 limit the number of trips, or to establish seasonal or other time  
36 limitations within which the vehicles described may be operated on  
37 the highways indicated, or otherwise to limit or prescribe  
38 conditions of operation of such vehicle or vehicles, when  
39 necessary to assure against undue damage to the road foundations,  
40 surfaces or structures. The Mississippi Transportation Commission  
41 or local authority may require such undertaking or other security  
42 as may be deemed necessary to compensate for any injury to any  
43 roadway or road structure.

44           (d) Every such permit shall be carried in the vehicle  
45 or combination of vehicles to which it refers and shall be open to  
46 inspection by any police officer or authorized agent of any  
47 authority granting such permit, and no person shall violate any of  
48 the terms or conditions of such special permit. However, permits  
49 covering the number of vehicles anticipated in any operation may  
50 be issued by the commission.

51           (2) The Mississippi Transportation Commission or local  
52 authorities may, in their discretion, upon application in writing  
53 and good cause being shown therefor, issue a permit authorizing  
54 the commercial movement of one or more recreational vehicles or  
55 motor homes which comply with the provisions of Section 63-5-13.  
56 Such permits shall be valid for one (1) year from the date they  
57 are issued. A copy of the permit shall be carried with all such  
58 vehicles while they are being moved. The provisions of subsection  
59 (1) of this section shall not apply to the commercial movement of  
60 vehicles under a permit issued pursuant to this subsection if such  
61 vehicles comply with Section 63-5-13.

62           (4) The Mississippi Transportation Commission or local  
63 authorities may, in their discretion, upon application in writing



64 and good cause being shown therefor, issue a permit authorizing  
65 equipment dealers to deliver to their customers machinery or  
66 equipment intended to be used for normal farm purposes and having  
67 a width in excess of the maximum requirements prescribed by this  
68 chapter if the width of such equipment or machinery is sixteen  
69 (16) feet or less. Such permit shall allow the movement of such  
70 machinery or equipment during daylight hours within a fifty-mile  
71 radius of the business location of the dealer without the  
72 necessity for an escort vehicle. Such permits shall be valid for  
73 one (1) year from the date they are issued. The provisions of  
74 subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to the commercial  
75 movement of vehicles under a permit issued pursuant to this  
76 subsection.

77       **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
78 and after its passage.

