

By: Representative Martinson

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 261

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

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

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

10 63-7-11. Every vehicle operated upon a street or highway  
11 within this state \* \* \* shall be equipped with lighted front and  
12 rear lamps as respectively required in Section 63-7-13 for  
13 different classes of vehicles and subject to exemption with  
14 reference to lights on parked vehicles as hereinafter stated in  
15 this chapter, and such front and rear lamps must be operated on  
16 every such vehicle during the following times:

- 17 (a) The period from sunset to sunrise; and
- 18 (b) Whenever precipitation or any other condition  
19 results in poor visibility.

20 It is unlawful for any vehicle operator to use only the  
21 parking lights or auxiliary driving lamps of the vehicle during  
22 any time when this section requires the use of the front and rear  
23 lamps of the vehicle.

24 Any person violating the provisions of this section, upon  
25 conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than  
26 Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).

27 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
28 and after July 1, 2003.

