

By: Representative Denny

To: Transportation; Public Utilities

HOUSE BILL NO. 357

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT STATE LAW REGULATING THE USE OF
2 CELLULAR PHONES IN AUTOMOBILES PREEMPTS ANY LOCAL ORDINANCE; AND
3 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The state law occupies and preempts the entire
6 field of legislation in this state relating in any way to
7 inattentive driving and cellular phone usage in automobiles to the
8 complete exclusion of any order, ordinance or regulation by any
9 municipality or other political subdivision of this state. Any
10 existing or future orders, ordinances or regulations in this field
11 by any municipality or other political subdivision of this state
12 are null and void.

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

