

By: Representative Zuber

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1180

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT MOTOR VEHICLE HEAD LAMPS AND AUXILIARY DRIVING LAMPS
3 MUST MEET LIGHT BRILLIANCE, COLOR AND INTENSITY SPECIFICATIONS
4 AUTHORIZED FOR INSTALLATION BY MANUFACTURERS ON NEW MOTOR
5 VEHICLES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 63-7-31. Except as hereinafter provided in this chapter, the
10 head lamps or the auxiliary driving lamp or the auxiliary passing
11 lamp or combinations thereof on motor vehicles other than a
12 motorcycle or motor-driven cycle shall be so arranged that the
13 driver may control the selection between distributions of light
14 projected to different elevations, subject to the following
15 requirements and limitations:

16 (a) There shall be an uppermost distribution of light,
17 or composite beam, so aimed and of such intensity as to reveal
18 persons and vehicles at a distance of at least 350 feet ahead for
19 all conditions of loading.

20 (b) There shall be lowermost distribution of light, or
21 composite beam so aimed and of sufficient intensity to reveal
22 persons and vehicles at a distance of at least 100 feet ahead; and
23 on a straight level road under any condition of loading none of
24 the high-intensity portion of the beam shall be directed to strike
25 the eyes of an approaching driver.

26 (c) Only lamps that meet light brilliance, color and
27 intensity specifications authorized for installation by
28 manufacturers on new motor vehicles may be used on any vehicle.



29 Every new motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle or
30 motor-driven cycle, registered in this state after January 1,
31 1954, which has multiple-beam road-lighting equipment shall be
32 equipped with a beam indicator, which shall be lighted whenever
33 the uppermost distribution of light from the head lamps is in use,
34 and shall not otherwise be lighted. Said indicator shall be so
35 designed and located that when lighted it will be readily visible
36 without glare to the driver of the vehicle so equipped.

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

