

By: Representative Fleming

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 156

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-501, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT FOR THE PERIOD FROM SUNSET TO SUNRISE THE MAXIMUM
3 SPEED LIMIT ON ANY HIGHWAY OF THE STATE SHALL NOT EXCEED
4 SIXTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-3-501, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 63-3-501. (1) Except as provided under subsection (2) of
9 this section, no person shall operate a vehicle on the highways of
10 the state at a speed greater than sixty-five (65) miles per hour.

11 (2) The Mississippi Transportation Commission may, in its
12 discretion, by order duly entered on its minutes, increase the
13 speed restrictions on any portion of the Interstate Highway System
14 provided such speed restrictions are not increased to more than
15 seventy (70) miles per hour. The commission may likewise increase
16 the speed limit to seventy (70) miles per hour on controlled
17 access highways with four (4) or more lanes.

18 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) of this
19 section, for the period from sunset to sunrise the maximum speed
20 limit on any highway of the state shall not exceed sixty-five (65)
21 miles per hour.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
23 and after July 1, 2004.