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To: Highways and
Transportation

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2461

1 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI HISTORIC BYWAY AS
2 AN OFFICIAL MISSISSIPPI SCENIC BYWAY PURSUANT TO SECTION 65-41-1
3 ET SEQ., MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following highways, roads and streets located
6 in the State of Mississippi are hereby designated as an official
7 Mississippi Scenic Byway to be known as the "Lower Mississippi
8 Historic Scenic Byway," pursuant to Section 65-41-1 et seq.:

9 Begin on U.S. Highway 61 at the Issaquena/Warren County line
10 and travel south along U.S. Highway 61 in Warren County, to
11 Business 61 (North Washington Street); travel north on Washington
12 Street to downtown Vicksburg. Continue traveling on Washington
13 Street as it merges into Warrington Road; travel Warrington Road
14 to U.S. Highway 61; continue on U.S. Highway 61 South to Claiborne
15 County.

16 Upon entering Claiborne County, continue traveling south on
17 U.S. Highway 61. At Grand Gulf Road, travel west to Grand Gulf
18 Military Park. Turn on Grand Gulf Road to U.S. Highway 61.
19 Travel south on U.S. Highway 61 to Port Gibson. U.S. Highway 61
20 at Port Gibson is also known as "Church Street." At the
21 intersection of Church Street and Orange Street, travel west on
22 Orange Street, past the Claiborne County Courthouse to Market
23 Street. Travel south on Market Street four (4) blocks, past
24 Mississippi Cultural Crossroads, Matt Ross Administrative
25 Building, Harriette Pearson Memorial Library and Meyer Marx
26 Building until you reach Carroll Street. Return to Church Street
27 and travel south on U.S. Highway 61 to Jefferson County. This

28 corridor also includes Rodney Road, which is Carroll Street (west
29 of Market Street). Travel west on Rodney Road, past the Shaifer
30 House and grounds; travel past the Ruins of Windsor where Rodney
31 Road merges into Highway 552. Travel past Alcorn State University
32 on Highway 552 back to U.S. Highway 61.

33 Travel south on U.S. Highway 61 until you reach Adams County
34 and continue on U.S. Highway 61 through the City of Natchez to
35 U.S. Highway 61/84 Interchange; travel west on U.S. Highway 84 to
36 the Natchez Intermodal Center at the Mississippi River Bridge.
37 Return to U.S. Highway 61/84 interchange and travel south on U.S.
38 Highway 61 through the southern portion of Natchez to Wilkinson
39 County. Traveling south on U.S. Highway 61 through Woodville to
40 the Louisiana state line. This terminates the Lower Mississippi
41 Historic Byway.

42 U.S. Highway 61 and 84 within the corporate limits of the
43 impacted municipalities along the Lower Mississippi Historic
44 Byways will become "segmented" and allow existing outdoor
45 advertising to remain and allow for the placement of new
46 advertising. The "segmented" areas within the municipalities'
47 corporate limits are subject to the zoning and signage ordinances
48 of the impacted municipalities along the Lower Mississippi
49 Historic Byways. Outdoor advertising outside of a municipality's
50 corporate limit must be in compliance with applicable local, state
51 and federal signage guidelines.

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