

By: Representative Baker (74th)

To: County Affairs;  
Municipalities

HOUSE BILL NO. 198

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ANY COUNTY  
2 AND THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF ANY MUNICIPALITY TO PERMIT THE  
3 CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF SPEED BUMPS ON ANY ROAD, STREET  
4 OR HIGHWAY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY;  
5 TO GRANT COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES, AND COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL  
6 OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR ANY INJURY OR  
7 DAMAGE ARISING OUT OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF SPEED  
8 BUMPS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** (1) The board of supervisors of any county, in  
11 its discretion, and the governing authorities of any municipality,  
12 in their discretion, for the purpose of regulating motor vehicle  
13 speed and protecting the health and safety of citizens of the  
14 county or municipality, may authorize the construction and  
15 installation of speed bumps on any road, street or highway under  
16 the jurisdiction of the county or municipality.

17 (2) Counties and municipalities, and any official or  
18 employee of a county or municipality, shall be immune from  
19 liability for any injury or damage to any person or property  
20 caused by or arising out of the installation or construction of a  
21 speed bump authorized by the county board of supervisors or the  
22 municipal governing authorities provided that (a) the design and  
23 construction of the speed bump was approved by a traffic safety  
24 engineer that the county or municipality has employed or  
25 contracted with, and (b) motorists are given reasonable notice by  
26 posted signs warning of the presence of the speed bump.

27 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
28 and after July 1, 2005.