

By: Senator(s) White

To: Highways and  
Transportation

SENATE BILL NO. 2033

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE CARRYING OF PASSENGERS IN A TRUCK BED  
2 OR OPEN CARGO AREAS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** Every driver of a motor vehicle being operated in  
5 forward motion on any public road, street or highway is prohibited  
6 from carrying any passenger in a truck bed or in any open or  
7 uncovered nonpassenger or cargo area which does not have a  
8 passenger seat or seats manufactured or installed as an integral  
9 part of the vehicle. A motor vehicle is a vehicle intended  
10 primarily for use and operation on the public roads, streets and  
11 highways and which is either self-propelled or is designed either  
12 to be attached to or drawn by a self-propelled vehicle, but does  
13 not include farm tractors and other machines and tools used in  
14 production, harvesting and cultivation of farm products.

15 Violation of this section is a violation of the traffic  
16 regulations and rules of the road and shall be punished as  
17 provided in Section 63-9-11, Mississippi Code of 1972.

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