

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2949

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 ALLOW CONSERVATION OFFICERS TO OPERATE A VEHICLE WITHOUT
3 HEADLIGHTS ON CERTAIN ROADS WHEN IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES;
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-7-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 63-7-11. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), every
9 vehicle upon a highway within this state during the period from
10 sunset to sunrise and at any other time when there is not
11 sufficient light to render clearly discernible any person on the
12 highway at a distance of five hundred (500) feet ahead shall be
13 equipped with lighted front and rear lamps as respectively
14 required in Section 63-7-13 for different classes of vehicles and
15 subject to exemption with reference to lights on parked vehicles
16 as hereinafter stated in this chapter.

17 (2) A conservation officer of the Department of Wildlife,
18 Fisheries and Parks may operate a vehicle owned or leased by the
19 department between sunset and sunrise without lighted front and
20 rear lamps upon the highways in this state only if the operation
21 without lights is made in the performance of his duties, and will
22 aid in the lawful arrest for any violation of the wildlife laws or
23 regulations or will aid in determining whether a violation of the
24 wildlife laws or regulations has or is about to be committed. For
25 purposes of this subsection, "highways" means any road or highway
26 in this state, except an interstate highway and a street or
27 highway within the limits of an incorporated area.

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