

By: Representatives Holloway, Guice

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 980

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT THE HEADLIGHTS OF VEHICLES SHALL BE OPERATED WHENEVER  
3 CONDITIONS NECESSITATE THE USE OF WINDSHIELD WIPERS; TO PROHIBIT  
4 THE USE OF ONLY THE PARKING LIGHTS OF VEHICLES DURING TIMES WHEN  
5 THE USE OF HEADLIGHTS IS REQUIRED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

9 63-7-11. Every vehicle operated upon a public road, street  
10 or highway within this state \* \* \* shall be equipped with lighted  
11 front and rear lamps as respectively required in Section 63-7-13  
12 for different classes of vehicles and subject to exemption with  
13 reference to lights on parked vehicles as hereinafter stated in  
14 this chapter, and such front and rear lamps shall be operated on  
15 every such vehicle during the following times:

- 16 (a) The period from sunset to sunrise; and
- 17 (b) Whenever precipitation or any other condition  
18 necessitates the use of windshield wipers by vehicle operators.

19 It is unlawful for any vehicle operator to use only the  
20 parking lights or auxiliary driving lamps of the vehicle during  
21 any time when this section requires the use of the front and rear  
22 lamps of the vehicle.

23 Any person violating the provisions of this section, upon  
24 conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than  
25 Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).

26 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
27 and after July 1, 2006.