HOUSE BILL NO. 1361

1   AN ACT TO PROHIBIT DRAG RACING ON PUBLIC ROADS; TO PROVIDE
2   PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

4   **SECTION 1.** (1) No person shall drive any vehicle upon the

5   public roads in this state in any race, speed competition or

6   contest, drag race or acceleration contest, test of physical

7   endurance, exhibition of speed or acceleration, or for the purpose

8   of making a speed record, and no person shall in any manner

9   participate in any such race, speed competition, drag race, test

10 or physical endurance, exhibition, or purpose of making a speed

11 record.

12   (2) For the purposes of this section "drag race" means the

13 operation of two (2) or more vehicles from a point side by side at

14 accelerating speeds in a competitive attempt to out distance each

15 other, or the operation of one or more vehicles over a common

16 selected course, from the same point to the same point, for the

17 purpose of comparing the relative speeds or power of acceleration

18 of such vehicle or vehicles within a certain distance or time

19 limit on the public roads of this state.

20   (3) For the purposes of this section "racing" means the use

21 of one or more vehicles in an attempt to out gain, out distance,

22 or prevent another vehicle from passing, or to test the physical

23 stamina or endurance of drivers over long distance driving routes

24 on the public roads of this state.

25   (4) Any person convicted of violating this section shall be

26 guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not

27 more than One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) or imprisoned not more

28 than six (6) months, or both.

29   (5) The prohibitions contained in this section do not apply

30 to events sanctioned by local governing authorities.

31   **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

32 and after July 1, 2006.