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To: Judiciary B

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.