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To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2967

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-13-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO ENFORCE, UNDER
3 CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, THE PROVISIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI MOTOR
4 VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION LAW THAT REQUIRE THE DISPLAY OF A VALID
5 MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION CERTIFICATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-13-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 63-13-7. (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this
10 section, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall, not more than
11 once each year, require that every motor vehicle, trailer,
12 semitrailer and pole trailer registered in this state be inspected
13 and that an official certificate of inspection and approval be
14 obtained for each such vehicle. Each such vehicle must display at
15 all times a certificate of inspection and approval duly issued for
16 such vehicle upon the lower left-hand corner of the windshield
17 thereof or upon such vehicle in such position as to be visible
18 from the outside.

19 (2) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section,
20 every motor vehicle registered in any other state and operated
21 over the highways of this state shall be inspected and shall
22 display an inspection certificate which shall be different either
23 in color or design from the inspection certificates issued for use
24 on state registered vehicles.

25 However, the Commissioner of Public Safety may authorize the
26 acceptance in this state of a certificate of inspection and
27 approval issued under the authority of a qualified agency or
28 department of another state, provided that every municipality,

29 county and state office in such other state accepts under a
30 mutually acceptable reciprocal agreement, Mississippi's
31 certificate of inspection and approval. The commissioner shall
32 except from the provisions of this chapter all passenger buses and
33 other vehicles certified by the United States Department of
34 Transportation and subject to its rules and regulations and its
35 periodical inspections.

36 (3) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall require all
37 school buses in the State of Mississippi to be inspected during
38 the months of July or August each year and may provide such
39 special certificate of inspection and approval as he may deem
40 necessary.

41 (4) A motor vehicle manufactured or having a model year
42 earlier than 1961 shall not be required to be inspected or to
43 display a certificate of inspection under the provisions of this
44 chapter.

45 (5) Members of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol and law
46 enforcement officers of incorporated municipalities within their
47 respective jurisdictions may enforce the provisions of this
48 chapter requiring the display of a valid motor vehicle inspection
49 certificate; provided, however, that a municipal law enforcement
50 officer shall not stop a motor vehicle for a violation of this
51 chapter, or charge an individual with a violation of this chapter,
52 unless the motor vehicle is stopped as a result of some other
53 offense.

54 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
55 and after its passage.