

By: Representative Reeves

To: Municipalities

HOUSE BILL NO. 1079

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-19-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE A MUNICIPALITY TO IMPOUND A VEHICLE FOR THE OWNER'S  
3 FAILURE TO PAY PARKING FINES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 21-19-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 21-19-15. (1) The governing authorities of municipalities  
8 shall have power to make all needful police regulations necessary  
9 for the preservation of good order and peace of the municipality  
10 and to prevent injury to, destruction of, or interference with  
11 public or private property.

12 (2) The governing authority of a municipality shall have the  
13 power to regulate or prohibit any mill, laundry or manufacturing  
14 plant from \* \* \* operating whereby the soot, cinders or smoke  
15 therefrom, or the unnecessary noises thereof, may do damage to or  
16 interfere with the use or occupation of public or private  
17 property.

18 (3) The governing authority of a municipality shall have the  
19 power to prohibit or regulate the sale or use of firecrackers,  
20 roman candles, torpedoes, sky rockets, and any and all explosives  
21 commonly known and referred to as fireworks; the term "fireworks"  
22 shall not include toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns, other devices  
23 in which paper caps manufactured in accordance with United States  
24 Interstate Commerce Commission regulations for packing and  
25 shipping of toy paper caps are used, or toy pistol paper caps  
26 manufactured as provided herein, the sale and use of which shall  
27 be permitted at all times.

28           (4) The governing authority of a municipality may enact an  
29 ordinance specifying the manner and means by which a motor vehicle  
30 may be impounded, towed or immobilized due to failure of the  
31 record title owner of the motor vehicle to pay parking fines, or  
32 when a warrant is outstanding against the record title owner.

33           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
34 and after July 1, 2007.