

By: Representative Reeves

To: Municipalities

HOUSE BILL NO. 1079
(As Passed the House)

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; TO AUTHORIZE SUCH MUNICIPALITY TO
4 ADMINISTER A PAYMENT PLAN FOR PARKING FINES; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

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

28 manufactured as provided herein, the sale and use of which shall
29 be permitted at all times.

30 (4) The governing authority of a municipality may enact an
31 ordinance specifying the manner and means by which a motor vehicle
32 may be impounded, towed or immobilized due to failure of the
33 record title owner of the motor vehicle to pay fines over Two
34 Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), or when a warrant is outstanding
35 against the record title owner. In addition, the governing
36 authority of a municipality may administer a six-month payment
37 plan for fines; however, if any payment is delinquent or missed
38 then the total amount of the fine shall become due and must be
39 paid in full.

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