

By: Senator(s) Flowers

To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2082

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REQUIRE ALL TOW TRUCKS AND WRECKERS TO DISPLAY THE NAME OF THE  
3 OWNER OF THE TOW TRUCK OR WRECKER ON THE SIDE OF THE CAB; AND FOR  
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-7-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 63-7-19. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided for unmarked  
9 vehicles under Section 19-25-15 and Section 25-1-87, every police  
10 vehicle shall be marked with blue lights. Only police vehicles  
11 used for emergency work may be marked with blinking, oscillating  
12 or rotating blue lights to warn other vehicles to yield the  
13 right-of-way.

14 (b) (i) 1. Every ambulance and special use EMS  
15 vehicle as defined in Section 41-59-3 shall be marked with red  
16 lights front and back and also may be marked with white and amber  
17 lights in addition to red lights.

18 2. Every emergency management/civil defense  
19 vehicle, including emergency response vehicles of the Department  
20 of Environmental Quality, shall be marked with blinking, rotating  
21 or oscillating red lights.

22 3. Official vehicles of a 911 Emergency  
23 Communications District may be marked with red and white lights.

24 (ii) Only law enforcement vehicles, fire vehicles,  
25 private or department-owned vehicles used by firemen of volunteer  
26 fire departments which receive funds pursuant to Section 83-1-39  
27 when responding to calls, emergency management/civil defense  
28 vehicles, emergency response vehicles of the Department of

29 Environmental Quality, ambulances used for emergency work and 911  
30 Emergency Communications District vehicles may be marked with  
31 blinking, oscillating or rotating red lights to warn other  
32 vehicles to yield the right-of-way. This section shall not apply  
33 to school buses carrying lighting devices in accordance with  
34 Section 63-7-23.

35 (c) Every wrecker or other vehicle used for emergency  
36 work, except vehicles authorized to use blue or red lights, shall  
37 be marked with blinking, oscillating or rotating amber colored  
38 lights to warn other vehicles to yield the right-of-way, as  
39 provided in Section 63-3-809. Every wrecker or tow truck shall  
40 display the name of the owner on the side of the cab. \* \* \*

41 (2) Any vehicle referred to in subsection (1) of this  
42 section also shall be authorized to use alternating flashing  
43 headlights when responding to any emergency.

44 (3) Any vehicle operated by a United States rural mail  
45 carrier for the purpose of delivering United States mail may be  
46 marked with two (2) amber colored lights on front top of the  
47 vehicle and two (2) red colored lights on rear top of the vehicle  
48 and alternatively or additionally may be marked with a white,  
49 flashing strobe light on the roof of the vehicle so as to warn  
50 approaching travelers to decrease their speed because of danger of  
51 colliding with the mail carrier as he stops and starts along the  
52 edge of the road, street or highway.

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