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MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Senator(s) Tollison, Butler (36th), Butler (38th), Collins, Dawkins, Doty, Hudson, Jackson (32nd), Jordan, Norwood, Simmons (12th), Simmons (13th) To: Highways and Transportation

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 2434

1	AN ACT	TO AMENI	O SECTION	63-3-1213	B, MISSI	SSIPPI (CODE C	F 1972,
2	TO CREATE A	REBUTTAE	BLE PRESUN	MPTION THA	AT MANUA	LLY TEX	TING W	HILE
3	DRIVING CON	STITUTES	CARELESS	DRIVING;	AND FOR	RELATE	D PURP	OSES.

- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 5 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-3-1213, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 6 amended as follows:
- 7 63-3-1213. Any person who drives any vehicle in a careless
- 8 or imprudent manner, without due regard for the width, grade,
- 9 curves, corner, traffic and use of the streets and highways and
- 10 all other attendant circumstances is quilty of careless driving.
- 11 Careless driving shall be considered a lesser offense than
- 12 reckless driving. It is a rebuttable presumption that a person
- 13 who manually texts or accesses social media while driving is in
- 14 violation of this section.
- 15 Every person convicted of careless driving shall be punished
- 16 by a fine of not less than Five Dollars (\$5.00) nor more than
- 17 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and the state assessments for traffic

- 18 violations under Section 99-19-73 shall not be imposed and
- 19 collected for a violation of this section.
- 20 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 21 and after July 1, 2014.