

By: Representative Currie

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 446

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-501, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO SET THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND  
3 CERTAIN CONTROLLED ACCESS HIGHWAYS TO SEVENTY MILES PER HOUR; TO  
4 PROHIBIT THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND ANY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY  
5 FROM REDUCING SUCH SPEED LIMITS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-3-501, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 63-3-501. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no  
10 person shall operate a vehicle on the highways of the state at a  
11 speed greater than sixty-five (65) miles per hour.

12 The Mississippi Transportation Commission \* \* \* shall  
13 increase the speed restrictions on any portion of the Interstate  
14 Highway System \* \* \* to \* \* \* seventy (70) miles per hour. The  
15 commission \* \* \* shall likewise increase the speed limit to  
16 seventy (70) miles per hour on controlled access highways with  
17 four (4) or more lanes. The speed limit on the Interstate Highway  
18 System and controlled access highways with four (4) or more lanes



19 may not be reduced to less than seventy (70) miles per hour by the  
20 commission or any governmental entity.

21 A governmental entity that operates and maintains a toll road  
22 as authorized under Section 65-43-1, or that contracts with some  
23 person or business to operate and maintain a toll road as  
24 authorized under Section 65-43-3, may establish the maximum speed  
25 for motor vehicles operated on any such toll road; however, the  
26 maximum speed so established may not exceed eighty (80) miles per  
27 hour.

28 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
29 and after July 1, 2020.

