

By: Representative Busby

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 573

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 65-21-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE PROVISIONS OF LAW TO PRESCRIBE THE DESIGN OF BRIDGES
3 AND CULVERTS ON PUBLIC ROADS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 65-21-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 65-21-1. All bridges and culverts hereafter built, rebuilt,
8 or placed in the traveled way of any public road in this state
9 shall * * * conform to the design standards in effect at the time
10 of design and shall extend across the full width of the crown of
11 the roadway * * *. On roads having a * * * design width greater
12 than sixteen feet (16') * * *, bridges shall be not less than
13 sixteen feet (16') wide * * *. All bridges hereafter built or
14 rebuilt shall be built with * * * railings or barriers on either
15 side. This section shall not apply to * * * public highways in
16 this state within the area of, or contingent to, any national
17 forest or reforestation project, which have been or may be taken
18 over, constructed, or reconstructed by * * * a department of the



19 national government, may have bridges or culverts the width of
20 said highways, * * * bridges and culverts be less than twelve feet
21 (12') wide.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
23 and after July 1, 2021.

