

By: Representatives Banks, Brown (70th)

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 639

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-1215, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT VEHICLES IN VIOLATION OF DRAG RACING SHALL BE
3 SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-3-1215, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 63-3-1215. (1) No person shall drive any vehicle upon the
8 public roads in this state in any race, speed competition or
9 contest, drag race or acceleration contest, test of physical
10 endurance, exhibition of speed or acceleration, or for the purpose
11 of making a speed record, and no person shall in any manner
12 participate in any such race, speed competition, drag race,
13 test * * * of physical endurance, exhibition, or purpose of making
14 a speed record.

15 (2) For the purposes of this section, "drag race" means the
16 operation of two (2) or more vehicles from a point side by side at
17 accelerating speeds in a competitive attempt to outdistance each
18 other, or the operation of one or more vehicles over a common



19 selected course, from the same point to the same point, for the
20 purpose of comparing the relative speeds or power of acceleration
21 of such vehicle or vehicles within a certain distance or time
22 limit on the public roads of this state.

23 (3) For the purposes of this section, "racing" means the use
24 of one or more vehicles in an attempt to outgain, outdistance, or
25 prevent another vehicle from passing, or to test the physical
26 stamina or endurance of drivers over long-distance driving routes
27 on the public roads of this state.

28 (4) Any person convicted of violating this section shall be
29 guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not
30 more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned not more
31 than six (6) months, or both.

32 (5) The prohibitions contained in this section do not apply
33 to events sanctioned by local governing authorities.

34 (6) All vehicles which are used in violation of this section
35 shall be subject to forfeiture in the same manner as provided in
36 Section 97-3-111 for certain violations of Section 97-3-109.

37 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
38 and after July 1, 2022.

