Adopted COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO

House Bill No. 1003

BY: Committee

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

41 <u>SECTION 1.</u> This act shall be known and may be cited as the 42 Mississippi Fully Autonomous Vehicle Enabling (MS FAVE) Act of 43 2023.

44 <u>SECTION 2.</u> As used in this act, the following terms shall 45 have the meanings ascribed in this section, unless the context of 46 use clearly requires otherwise:

47 (a) "Automated driving system" means the hardware and
48 software that are collectively capable of performing the entire
49 dynamic driving task on a sustained basis, regardless of whether
50 it is limited to a specific operational design domain.

23/SS26/HB1003A.J PAGE 1 (b) "Department" means the Department of Public Safety.
(c) "Dynamic driving task" (DDT) means all of the
real-time operational and tactical functions required to operate a
vehicle in on-road traffic, excluding the strategic functions such
as trip scheduling and selection of destinations and waypoints,
and including without limitation:

57 (i) Lateral vehicle motion control, via steering;
58 (ii) Longitudinal motion control, via acceleration
59 and deceleration;

60 (iii) Monitoring the driving environment, via
61 object and event detection, recognition, classification and
62 response preparation;

63 (iv) Object and event response execution;
64 (v) Maneuver planning; and

(vi) Enhancing conspicuity via lighting, signalingand gesturing.

(d) "DDT fallback" means the response by the person or human driver to either perform the DDT or achieve a minimal risk condition after occurrence of a DDT performance-relevant system failure or upon operational design domain exit, or the response by an automated driving system to achieve minimal risk condition, given the same circumstances.

(e) "Fully autonomous vehicle" means a motor vehicleequipped with an automated driving system designed to function

75 without a human driver as a Level 4 or Level 5 automation system 76 under the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Standard J3016.

(f) "Human driver" means a natural person in the vehicle with a valid license to operate a motor vehicle who controls all or part of the dynamic driving task.

80 (g) "Law enforcement interaction plan" means a document 81 of procedures that are developed by manufacturers, owners or 82 operators of fully autonomous vehicles to be used by law 83 enforcement officers and first responders when interacting with 84 fully autonomous vehicles, which describes:

85 (i) How to communicate with a fleet support
86 specialist who is available during the times the vehicle is in
87 operation;

88 (ii) How to recognize whether the fully autonomous89 vehicle is in autonomous mode;

90 (iii) How to safely remove the vehicle from the 91 roadway and steps to safely tow the vehicle; and

92 (iv) Any additional information the manufacturer, 93 owner or operator deems necessary regarding hazardous conditions 94 or public safety risks associated with the operation of the fully 95 autonomous vehicle.

96 (h) "Minimal risk condition" means a condition to which 97 a person, human driver, or an automated driving system may bring a 98 vehicle after performing the DDT fallback in order to reduce the

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99 risk of a crash when a given trip cannot or should not be 100 completed.

(i) "On-demand autonomous vehicle network" means a transportation service network that uses a software application or other digital means to dispatch or otherwise enable the pre-arrangement of transportation with fully autonomous vehicles for purposes of transporting passengers, including for-hire transportation and transportation of passengers for compensation.

(j) "Operational design domain (ODD)" means the operating conditions under which a given automated driving system is specifically designed to function, including, but not limited to, environmental, geographical, time-of-day restrictions, and/or the requisite presence or absence of certain traffic or roadway characteristics.

(k) "Person" means a natural person, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, governmental agency, public corporation or any other legal or commercial entity.

(1) "Request to intervene" means the notification by an automated driving system to a human driver, that the human driver should promptly begin or resume performance of part or all of the dynamic driving task.

121 (m) "Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) J3016" means
122 the "Taxonomy and Definitions for Terms Related to Driving

123 Automation Systems for On-Road Motor Vehicles" as revised and 124 published by SAE International in April 2021.

125 <u>SECTION 3.</u> A person may operate a fully autonomous vehicle 126 on the public roads of this state without a human driver provided 127 that the automated driving system is engaged and the vehicle meets 128 the following conditions:

(a) If a failure of the automated driving system occurs
that renders that system unable to perform the entire dynamic
driving task relevant to its intended operational design domain,
the fully autonomous vehicle will achieve a minimal risk
condition;

(b) The fully autonomous vehicle is capable of
operating in compliance with the applicable traffic and motor
vehicle safety laws and regulations of this state when reasonable
to do so, unless an exemption has been granted by the Department
of Public Safety; and

(c) When required by federal law, the vehicle bears the required manufacturer's certification label indicating that at the time of its manufacture it has been certified to be in compliance with all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, including reference to any exemption granted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

145 <u>SECTION 4.</u> (1) Prior to operating a fully autonomous 146 vehicle on the public roads of this state without a human driver, 147 a person shall submit a law enforcement interaction plan to the 148 Department of Public Safety that describes:

149 (a) How to communicate with a fleet support specialist150 who is available during the times the vehicle is in operation;

(b) How to safely remove the fully autonomous vehiclefrom the roadway and steps to safely tow the vehicle;

153 (c) How to recognize whether the fully autonomous154 vehicle is in autonomous mode; and

(d) Any additional information the manufacturer or owner deems necessary regarding hazardous conditions or public safety risks associated with the operation of the fully autonomous vehicle.

159 (2) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

160 SECTION 5. When an automated driving system installed on a 161 motor vehicle is engaged the automated driving system is 162 considered the driver or operator, for the purpose of assessing 163 compliance with applicable traffic or motor vehicle laws and shall 164 be deemed to satisfy electronically all physical acts required by 165 a driver or operator of the vehicle. The automated driving system 166 is considered to be licensed to operate the vehicle as required 167 under Section 63-1-5.

168 **SECTION 6.** Before operating a fully autonomous vehicle on 169 public roads in this state without a human driver, a person shall 170 file proof of financial responsibility satisfactory to the 171 Department of Public Safety that the fully autonomous vehicle is

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172 covered by insurance or proof of self-insurance that satisfies the 173 requirements of Section 63-15-37, 63-15-39, 63-15-41, 63-15-43, 174 63-15-49, 63-15-51 or 63-15-53.

175 **SECTION 7.** In the event of a crash:

(a) The fully autonomous vehicle shall remain on the
scene of the crash when required by Article 9, Title 63, Chapter
3, Mississippi Code of 1972, consistent with its capability under
Section 3 of this act.

(b) The owner of the fully autonomous vehicle, or a
person on behalf of the vehicle owner, shall report any crashes
or collisions consistent with Article 9, Title 63, Chapter 3,
Mississippi Code of 1972.

184 SECTION 8. An on-demand autonomous vehicle network shall be 185 permitted to operate pursuant to state laws governing the 186 operation of transportation network companies, taxis or any other 187 ground transportation for-hire of passengers, with the exception 188 that any provision of law that reasonably applies only to a human 189 driver would not apply to the operation of fully autonomous 190 vehicles with the automated driving system engaged on an on-demand autonomous vehicle network. 191

192 <u>SECTION 9.</u> (1) A fully autonomous vehicle shall be properly 193 registered with the Department of Revenue in accordance with 194 Section 63-5-39. If a fully autonomous vehicle is registered in 195 this state, the vehicle shall be identified on the registration as 196 a fully autonomous vehicle.

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197 (2) A fully autonomous vehicle shall be properly titled in 198 accordance with Title 63, Chapter 21, Mississippi Code of 1972. 199 If a fully autonomous vehicle is titled in this state, the vehicle 200 shall be identified on the title as a fully autonomous vehicle. 201 SECTION 10. (1) A person may operate a motor vehicle 202 equipped with an automated driving system capable of performing 203 the entire dynamic driving task if:

(a) The automated driving system will issue a request
to intervene whenever the automated driving system is not capable
of performing the entire dynamic driving task with the expectation
that the person will respond appropriately to the request; and

(b) The automated driving system is capable of being operated in compliance with rules of the road governed by Title 63, Mississippi Code of 1972, when reasonable to do so unless an exemption has been granted by the Department of Public Safety.

(2) Nothing in this act prohibits or restricts a human driver from operating a fully autonomous vehicle equipped with controls that allow for the human driver to control all or part of the dynamic driving task.

216 <u>SECTION 11.</u> A fully autonomous vehicle that is also a 217 commercial motor vehicle as defined in Sections 63-1-203 and 218 63-19-3 may operate pursuant to the provisions of Title 63, 219 Mississippi Code of 1972, which govern the operation of commercial 220 motor vehicles, except that any provision that by its nature

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221 reasonably applies only to a human driver does not apply to such a
222 vehicle operating with the automated driving system engaged.

223 <u>SECTION 12.</u> A fully autonomous vehicle that is designed to 224 be operated exclusively by the automated driving system for all 225 trips is not subject to motor vehicle equipment and identification 226 laws prescribed under Title 63, Chapter 7, Mississippi Code of 227 1972, or any regulations administratively promulgated therefrom 228 that:

(a) Relate to or support motor vehicle operationby a human driver seated in the vehicle; and

231 (b) Are not relevant for an automated driving system. 232 SECTION 13. (1) Unless otherwise provided in this act, and 233 notwithstanding any other provision of law, fully autonomous 234 vehicles and automated driving systems are governed exclusively by 235 this act. The Department of Public Safety, in conjunction with 236 the Department of Revenue, with regard to DOR's specific functions 237 related to the registration and titling of motor vehicles, shall 238 implement and enforce the provisions of this act.

(2) No state agency, political subdivision, municipality or
local entity may prohibit the operation of fully autonomous
vehicles, automated driving systems or on-demand autonomous
vehicle networks, or otherwise enact or enforce rules or
ordinances that would impose taxes, fees or other requirements,
including performance standards, specific to the operation of
fully autonomous vehicles, automated driving systems or

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246 on-demand autonomous vehicle networks in addition to the 247 requirements of this act.

248 **SECTION 14.** Section 63-1-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 249 brought forward as follows:

63-1-5. (1) (a) No person shall drive or operate a motor vehicle or an autocycle as defined in Section 63-3-103 upon the highways of the State of Mississippi without first securing an operator's license to drive on the highways of the state, unless specifically exempted by Section 63-1-7.

255 (b) The types of operator's licenses are:

256 (i) Class R;

257 (ii) Class D;

258 (iii) Class A, B or C commercial license governed
259 by Article 5 of this chapter; and

260 (iv) Interlock-restricted license as prescribed in 261 Section 63-11-31.

262 Every person who makes application for an original (2)(a) 263 license or a renewal license to operate any single vehicle with a 264 gross weight rating of less than twenty-six thousand one (26,001) 265 pounds or any vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight 266 rating not in excess of ten thousand (10,000) pounds other than 267 vehicles included in Class C, vehicles which require a special 268 endorsement, or to operate a vehicle as a common carrier by motor 269 vehicle, taxicab, passenger coach, dray, contract carrier or 270 private commercial carrier as defined in Section 27-19-3, other

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271 than those vehicles for which a Class A, B or C license is 272 required under Article 5 of this chapter, may, in lieu of the 273 Class R regular driver's license, apply for and obtain a Class D 274 driver's license. The fee for the issuance of a Class D driver's 275 license shall be as set forth in Section 63-1-43 and the Class D 276 license shall be valid for the term prescribed in Section 63-1-47. 277 Except as required under Article 5 of this chapter, no driver of a pickup truck shall be required to have a Class D or a commercial 278 279 license regardless of the purpose for which the pickup truck is 280 used.

(b) Persons operating vehicles listed in paragraph (a)
of this subsection for private purposes or in emergencies need not
obtain a Class D license.

(3) An interlock-restricted license allows a person to drive
 only a motor vehicle equipped with an ignition-interlock device.

(4) A person who violates this section is guilty of a
misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be punished by imprisonment
for not less than two (2) days nor more than six (6) months, by a
fine of not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) nor more than
Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or both.

291 SECTION 15. Section 63-1-203, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 292 amended as follows:

293 63-1-203. As used in this article:

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(a) "Alcohol" means any substance containing any form
of alcohol including, but not limited to, ethanol, methanol,
propanol and isopropanol.

(b) "Alcohol concentration" means the concentration of alcohol in a person's blood or breath. When expressed as a percentage it means:

300 (i) The number of grams of alcohol per one hundred301 (100) milliliters of blood; or

302 (ii) The number of grams of alcohol per two303 hundred ten (210) liters of breath.

304 (c) "Commercial driver's license" or "CDL" means a 305 license issued by a state or other jurisdiction, in accordance 306 with the standards contained in 49 CFR, Part 383, to an individual 307 which authorizes the individual to operate a class of commercial 308 motor vehicle.

309 (d) "Commercial driver's license information system" or
310 "CDLIS" means the CDLIS established by the Federal Motor Carrier
311 Safety Administration (FMCSA) pursuant to Section 12007, of the
312 Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986.

313 (e) "Commercial learner's permit" means a permit issued 314 pursuant to Section 63-1-208(5).

(f) "Commercial motor vehicle" or "CMV" means a motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles used in commerce to transport passengers or property if the motor vehicle:

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318 (i) Has a gross combination weight rating of 319 eleven thousand seven hundred ninety-four (11,794) kilograms or 320 more (twenty-six thousand one (26,001) pounds or more) inclusive 321 of a towed unit(s) with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 322 four thousand five hundred thirty-six (4,536) kilograms (ten 323 thousand (10,000) pounds); 324 (ii) Has a gross vehicle weight rating of eleven 325 thousand seven hundred ninety-four (11,794) or more kilograms 326 (twenty-six thousand one (26,001) pounds or more); 327 (iii) Is designed to transport sixteen (16) or 328 more passengers, including the driver; 329 Is of any size and is used in the (iv) 330 transportation of hazardous materials as defined in this section; 331 or 332 The term shall not include: (V) 333 1. Authorized emergency vehicles as defined 334 in Section 63-3-103; 335 2. Motor homes as defined in Section 336 63-3-103; however, this exemption shall only apply to vehicles 337 used strictly for recreational, noncommercial purposes; 338 3. Military and commercial equipment owned or 339 operated by the United States Department of Defense, including the 340 National Guard and Mississippi Military Department, and operated 341 by: active duty military personnel; members of the military reserves; members of the National Guard on active duty, including 342

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343 personnel on full-time National Guard duty; personnel on part-time 344 National Guard training; National Guard military technicians 345 (civilians who are required to wear military uniforms); employees 346 of the Mississippi Military Department; and active duty United 347 States Coast Guard personnel. This exception is not applicable to 348 United States Reserve technicians;

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4. Farm vehicles, which are vehicles:
a. Controlled and operated by a farmer;
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b. Used to transport either agricultural
352 products, farm machinery, farm supplies, or both, to or from a
353 farm;

354 c. Not used in the operations of a 355 common or contract motor carrier; and

356 d. Used within one hundred fifty (150) 357 miles of the farm.

358 (a) "Controlled substance" means any substance so 359 classified under Section 102(6) of the Controlled Substances Act, 360 21 USCS 802(6), and includes all substances listed on Schedules I 361 through V of 21 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1308, as they 362 may be revised from time to time, any substance so classified 363 under Sections 41-29-113 through 41-29-121, Mississippi Code of 364 1972, and any other substance which would impair a person's 365 ability to operate a motor vehicle.

366 (h) "Conviction" means an unvacated adjudication of 367 guilt, or a determination by a judge or hearing officer that a

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368 person has violated or failed to comply with the law in a court of 369 original jurisdiction or an authorized administrative tribunal, an 370 unvacated forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited to secure the 371 person's appearance in court, the payment of a fine or court cost, 372 or violation of a condition of release without bail, regardless of 373 whether or not the penalty is rebated, suspended or probated. 374 Conviction shall also mean a plea of quilty or nolo contendere 375 which has been accepted by the court.

376 (i) "Disqualification" means any of the following three377 (3) actions:

378 (i) The suspension, revocation or cancellation of 379 a commercial driver's license by the state or jurisdiction of 380 issuance;

(ii) Any withdrawal of a person's privilege to drive a commercial motor vehicle by a state or other jurisdiction as the result of a violation of state or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control, other than parking, vehicle weight or vehicle defect violations; or

386 (iii) A determination by the Federal Motor Carrier
387 Safety Administration that a person is not qualified to operate a
388 commercial motor vehicle under 49 CFR, Part 391.

(j) "Driver" means any person who drives, operates or is in physical control of a commercial motor vehicle on a public highway or who is required to hold a commercial driver's license.

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392 (k) "Employer" means any person, including the United 393 States, a state, the District of Columbia or a political 394 subdivision of a state, who owns or leases a commercial motor 395 vehicle or assigns employees to operate a commercial motor 396 vehicle.

397 (1) "Foreign" means outside the fifty (50) United398 States and the District of Columbia.

(m) "Gross combination weight rating" or "GCWR" means the value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a combination (articulated) vehicle. In the absence of a value specified by the manufacturer, gross combination weight rating will be determined by adding the gross vehicle weight rating of the power unit and the total weight of the towed unit and any load thereon.

406 (n) "Gross vehicle weight rating" or "GVWR" means the 407 value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a 408 single vehicle.

(o) "Hazardous materials" means any material that has been designated as hazardous under 49 USCS Section 5103 and is required to be placarded under subpart F of 49 CFR, Part 172 or any quantity of a material listed as a select agent or toxin in 42 CFR, Part 73.

(p) "Imminent hazard" means the existence of a condition that presents a substantial likelihood that death, serious illness, severe personal injury, or a substantial

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417 endangerment to health, property, or the environment may occur 418 before the reasonably foreseeable completion date of a formal 419 proceeding begun to lessen the risk of that death, illness, 420 injury, or endangerment.

(q) "Nonresident commercial driver's license" or monresident CDL" means a commercial driver's license issued by a state to an individual under either of the following two (2) conditions:

(i) To an individual domiciled in a foreign
country meeting the requirements of 49 CFR, Part 383.23(b)(1); or
(ii) To an individual domiciled in another state
meeting the requirements of 49 CFR, Part 383.23(b)(2).

(r) "Serious traffic violation" means conviction at any time when operating a commercial motor vehicle or at those times when operating a noncommercial motor vehicle when the conviction results in the revocation, cancellation, or suspension of the operator's license or operating privilege, of:

434 (i) Excessive speeding, involving a single charge
435 of any speed fifteen (15) miles per hour or more, above the posted
436 speed limit;

437 (ii) Reckless driving, as defined under state or438 local law;

439 (iii) Improper traffic lane changes, as defined in
440 Section 63-3-601, 63-3-603, 63-3-613 or 63-3-803;

23/SS26/HB1003A.J PAGE 17 441 (iv) Following the vehicle ahead too closely, as 442 defined in Section 63-3-619;

(v) A violation of any state law or local ordinance relating to motor vehicle traffic control, other than a parking violation, arising in connection with an accident or collision resulting in death to any person;

(vi) Operating a commercial motor vehicle withoutobtaining a commercial driver's license;

449 (vii) Operating a commercial motor vehicle without450 a commercial driver's license in the driver's possession;

451 (viii) Operating a commercial motor vehicle
452 without the proper class of commercial driver's license or
453 endorsements, or both.

(s) "Out-of-service order" means a declaration by an authorized enforcement officer of a federal, state, Canadian, Mexican, or local jurisdiction, that a driver, or a commercial motor vehicle, or a motor carrier operation, is out of service pursuant to 49 CFR, Part 386.72, 392.5, 395.13, 396.9 or compatible laws, or the North American Uniform Out-of-Service Criteria.

(t) "State of domicile" means that state where a person has a true, fixed and permanent home and principal residence and to which the person has the intention of returning whenever the person is absent.

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(u) "Tank vehicle" means any commercial motor vehicle
that is designed to transport any liquid or gaseous materials
within a tank that is either permanently or temporarily attached
to the vehicle or the chassis. Such vehicles include, but are not
limited to, cargo tanks and portable tanks, as defined in 49 CFR,
Part 171. However, they do not include portable tanks having a
rated capacity under one thousand (1,000) gallons.

472 (v) "United States" means the fifty (50) states and the473 District of Columbia.

474 (w) "Fully autonomous vehicle" means a motor vehicle
475 equipped with an automated driving system designed to function
476 without a human driver as a Level 4 or Level 5 automation system
477 under the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Standard J3016.
478 SECTION 16. Section 63-3-103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is

479 amended as follows:

480 63-3-103. (a) "Vehicle" means every device in, upon or by 481 which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn 482 upon a highway, except devices used exclusively upon stationary 483 rails or tracks.

(b) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle which is self-propelled and every vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires, but not operated upon rails. The term "motor vehicle" shall not include electric personal assistive mobility devices, personal delivery devices or electric bicycles.

23/SS26/HB1003A.J PAGE 19 (c) "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle having a saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three (3) wheels in contact with the ground but excluding a tractor. The term "motorcycle" includes motor scooters as defined in subsection (j) of this section. The term "motorcycle" shall not include electric bicycles or personal delivery devices.

496 "Authorized emergency vehicle" means every vehicle of (d) 497 the fire department (fire patrol), every police vehicle, every 911 498 Emergency Communications District vehicle, every such ambulance 499 and special use EMS vehicle as defined in Section 41-59-3, every 500 Mississippi Emergency Management Agency vehicle as is designated 501 or authorized by the Executive Director of MEMA and every 502 emergency vehicle of municipal departments or public service 503 corporations as is designated or authorized by the commission or 504 the chief of police of an incorporated city.

(e) "School bus" means every motor vehicle operated for the transportation of children to or from any school, provided same is plainly marked "School Bus" on the front and rear thereof and meets the requirements of the State Board of Education as authorized under Section 37-41-1.

(f) "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular type unit primarily designed as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or travel use, which either has its own motive power or is mounted on or drawn by another vehicle and includes travel

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514 trailers, fifth-wheel trailers, camping trailers, truck campers 515 and motor homes.

(g) "Motor home" means a motor vehicle that is designed and constructed primarily to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or travel use.

(h) "Electric assistive mobility device" means a self-balancing two-tandem wheeled device, designed to transport only one (1) person, with an electric propulsion system that limits the maximum speed of the device to fifteen (15) miles per hour.

(i) "Autocycle" means a three-wheel motorcycle with a
steering wheel, nonstraddle seating, rollover protection and seat
belts.

527 "Motor scooter" means a two-wheeled vehicle that has a (i) 528 seat for the operator, one (1) wheel that is ten (10) inches or 529 more in diameter, a step-through chassis, a motor with a rating of 530 two and seven-tenths (2.7) brake horsepower or less if the motor is an internal combustion engine, an engine of 50cc or less and 531 532 otherwise meets all safety requirements of motorcycles. The term 533 "motor scooter" shall not include electric bicycles or personal 534 delivery devices.

(k) "Platoon" means a group of individual motor vehicles traveling in a unified manner at electronically coordinated speeds at following distances that are closer than would be reasonable and prudent without such coordination.

(1) "Electric bicycle" means a bicycle or tricycle equipped with fully operable pedals, a saddle or seat for the rider, and an electric motor of less than seven hundred fifty (750) watts that meets the requirements of one (1) of the following three (3) classes:

(i) "Class 1 electric bicycle" means an electric
bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when
the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when
the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty (20) miles per hour.

(ii) "Class 2 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty (20) miles per hour.

553 "Class 3 electric bicycle" means an electric (iii) 554 bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when 555 the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when 556 the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty-eight (28) miles per hour. 557 "Personal delivery device" means a device: (m) 558 Solely powered by an electric motor; (i) 559 (ii) Intended to be operated primarily on sidewalks, 560 crosswalks, and other pedestrian areas to transport cargo; 561 Intended primarily to transport property on (iii) 562 public rights-of-way, and not intended to carry passengers; and

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563 (iv) Capable of navigating with or without the active 564 control or monitoring of a natural person.

(n) "Personal delivery device operator" means a person or entity that exercises physical control or monitoring over the operation of a personal delivery device, excluding a person or entity that requests or receives the services of a personal delivery device, arranges for or dispatches the requested services of a personal delivery device, or stores, charges or maintains a personal delivery device.

572 (o) "Fully autonomous vehicle" means a motor vehicle 573 equipped with an automated driving system designed to function 574 without a human driver as a Level 4 or Level 5 automation system 575 under the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Standard J3016.

576 SECTION 17. Section 63-3-401, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 577 brought forward as follows:

578 63-3-401. (1) The driver of any vehicle involved in an 579 accident resulting in injury to or death of any person shall 580 immediately stop such vehicle at the scene of such accident or as 581 close thereto as possible but shall then forthwith return to and 582 in every event shall remain at the scene of the accident until he 583 has fulfilled the requirements of Section 63-3-405.

584 (2) Every stop under the provisions of subsection (1) of
585 this section shall be made without obstructing traffic or
586 endangering the life of any person more than is necessary.

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587 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, if any driver of a vehicle involved in an accident that results in 588 589 injury to any person willfully fails to stop or to comply with the 590 requirements of subsection (1) of this section, then such person, 591 upon conviction, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less 592 than thirty (30) days nor more than one (1) year, or by fine of 593 not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five 594 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by both such fine and 595 imprisonment.

596 If any driver of a vehicle involved in an accident that (4) 597 results in the death of another or the mutilation, disfigurement, 598 permanent disability or the destruction of the tongue, eye, lip, 599 nose or any other limb, organ or member of another willfully fails 600 to stop or to comply with the requirements under the provisions of 601 subsection (1) of this section, then such person, upon conviction, 602 shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment 603 for not less than five (5) nor more than twenty (20) years, or by 604 fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) nor more 605 than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or by both such fine and 606 imprisonment.

607 (5) The commissioner shall revoke the driver's license of608 any person convicted under this section.

609 SECTION 18. Section 63-3-405, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 610 brought forward as follows: 611 63-3-405. The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident 612 resulting in injury to or death of any person or damage to any 613 vehicle which is driven or attended by any person shall give his 614 name, address and the registration number of the vehicle he is 615 driving and shall, upon request and if available, exhibit his 616 operator's or chauffeur's license to the person struck or the 617 driver or occupant of or person attending any vehicle collided 618 with. Said driver shall render to any person injured in such 619 accident reasonable assistance, including the carrying, or the 620 making of arrangements for the carrying, of such person to a 621 physician, surgeon or hospital for medical or surgical treatment 622 if it is apparent that such treatment is necessary or if such 623 carrying is requested by the injured person. No such driver who, 624 in good faith and in the exercise of reasonable care, renders 625 emergency care to any injured person at the scene of an accident 626 or in transporting said injured person to a point where medical 627 assistance can be reasonably expected, shall be liable for any 628 civil damages to said injured person as a result of any acts 629 committed in good faith and in the exercise of reasonable care or 630 omission in good faith and in the exercise of reasonable care by 631 such driver in rendering the emergency care to said injured 632 person.

633 SECTION 19. Section 63-3-411, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 634 brought forward as follows:

635 63-3-411. (1) The driver of a vehicle involved in an

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636 accident resulting in injury to or death of any person or total 637 property damage to an apparent extent of Five Hundred Dollars 638 (\$500.00) or more shall immediately, by the quickest means of 639 communication, give notice of the collision to the local police 640 department if the collision occurs within an incorporated 641 municipality, or if the collision occurs outside of an 642 incorporated municipality to the nearest sheriff's office or 643 highway patrol station.

644 (2) The department may require any driver of a vehicle 645 involved in an accident, of which report must be made as provided 646 in this section, to file supplemental reports whenever the 647 original report is insufficient in the opinion of the department. 648 Additionally, the department may require witnesses of accidents to 649 render reports to the department.

(3) It shall be the duty of the highway patrol or the sheriff's office to investigate all accidents required to be reported by this section when the accident occurs outside the corporate limits of a municipality, and it shall be the duty of the police department of each municipality to investigate all accidents required to be reported by this section when the accidents occur within the corporate limits of the municipality.

Every law enforcement officer who investigates an accident as required by this subsection, whether the investigation is made at the scene of the accident or by subsequent investigation and interviews, shall forward within six (6) days after completing the

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661 investigation a written report of the accident to the department 662 if the accident occurred outside the corporate limits of a 663 municipality, or to the police department of the municipality if 664 the accident occurred within the corporate limits of such 665 municipality. Police departments shall forward such reports to 666 the department within six (6) days of the date of the accident.

(4) Whenever an engineer of a railroad locomotive, or other person in charge of a train, is required to show proof of his identity under the provisions of this article, in connection with operation of such locomotive, to any law enforcement officer, such person shall not be required to display his operator's or chauffeur's license but shall display his railroad employee number.

(5) In addition to the information required on the
"statewide uniform traffic accident report" forms provided by
Section 63-3-415, the department shall require the parties
involved in an accident and the witnesses of such accident to
furnish their phone numbers in order to assist the investigation
by law enforcement officers.

680 SECTION 20. Section 63-3-413, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 681 brought forward as follows:

682 63-3-413. Whenever the driver of a vehicle is physically 683 incapable of making a required accident report and there was 684 another occupant in the vehicle at the time of the accident

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685 capable of making a report, such occupant shall make or cause to 686 be made said report.

687 SECTION 21. Section 63-3-619, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 688 brought forward as follows:

689 63-3-619. (1) The driver of a motor vehicle shall not 690 follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and 691 prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicles and the 692 traffic upon and the condition of the highway.

(2) The driver of any motor truck or motor truck drawing another vehicle when traveling upon a roadway outside of a business or residence district shall not follow within three hundred (300) feet of another motor truck or motor truck drawing another vehicle. The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to prevent overtaking and passing nor shall the same apply upon any lane specially designated for use by motor trucks.

700 (3)(a) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (b) of this 701 subsection, subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall not 702 apply to the operator of a nonlead vehicle in a platoon, as 703 defined in Section 63-3-103(k), as long as the platoon is 704 operating on a limited access divided highway with more than one 705 (1) lane in each direction and the platoon consists of not more 706 than two (2) motor vehicles.

(b) A platoon may be operated in this state only after
an operator files a plan for approval of general platoon
operations with the Department of Transportation. If that

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710 department approves the submission, it shall forward the plan to 711 the Department of Public Safety for approval. The plan shall be 712 reviewed and either approved or disapproved by the Department of 713 Transportation and the Department of Public Safety within thirty 714 (30) days after it is filed. If approved by both departments, the 715 operator shall be allowed to operate the platoon five (5) working 716 days after plan approval. The Motor Carrier Division of the 717 Department of Public Safety shall develop the acceptable standards 718 required for each portion of the plan.

719 SECTION 22. Section 63-5-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
720 brought forward as follows:

721 Any person driving any vehicle, object, or 63-5-53. (1) 722 contrivance upon any highway or highway structure shall be liable 723 for all damage which said highway or structure may sustain as a 724 result of any illegal operation, driving, or moving of such 725 vehicle, object, or contrivance, or as a result of operation, 726 driving, or moving any vehicle, object or contrivance weighing in 727 excess of the maximum weight in this chapter but authorized by a 728 special permit issued as provided in this chapter.

(2) Whenever such driver is not the owner of such vehicle, object or contrivance, but is so operating, driving, or moving the same with the express or implied permission of said owner, then said owner and driver shall be jointly and severally liable for any such damage.

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(3) Such damage may be recovered in a civil action brought
by the authorities in control of such highway or highway
structure.

737 SECTION 23. Section 63-7-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
738 brought forward as follows:

739 63-7-9. Except as may otherwise be provided in this chapter, 740 the provisions of this chapter with respect to equipment on 741 vehicles shall not apply to implements of husbandry, road 742 machinery, road rollers, or farm tractors.

743 SECTION 24. Section 63-15-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 744 brought forward as follows:

745 63-15-37. Proof of financial responsibility when required 746 under this chapter with respect to a motor vehicle or with respect 747 to a person who is not the owner of a motor vehicle may be given 748 by filing:

749 1. A certificate of insurance as provided in Section
750 63-15-39 or Section 63-15-41; or

751 2. A bond as provided in Section 63-15-49; or

752 3. A certificate of deposit of money or securities as753 provided in Section 63-15-51; or

4. A certificate of self-insurance as provided in section 63-15-53, supplemented by an agreement by the self-insurer that, with respect to accidents occurring while the certificate is in force, he will pay the same judgments and in the same amounts that an insurer would have been obligated to pay under an owner's

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759 motor vehicle liability policy if it had issued such a policy to 760 said self-insurer.

761 SECTION 25. Section 63-15-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
762 brought forward as follows:

763 63-15-39. Proof of financial responsibility may be furnished 764 by filing with the department the written certificate of any 765 insurance company duly authorized to write motor vehicle liability 766 insurance in this state certifying that there is in effect a motor 767 vehicle liability policy for the benefit of the person required to 768 furnish proof of financial responsibility. Such certificate shall 769 give the effective date of such motor vehicle liability policy, 770 which date shall be the same as the effective date of the 771 certificate, and shall designate by explicit description or by 772 appropriate reference all motor vehicles covered thereby, unless 773 the policy is issued to a person who is not the owner of a motor 774 vehicle.

775 SECTION 26. Section 63-15-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
776 brought forward as follows:

63-15-41. (1) The nonresident owner of a motor vehicle, the owner or operator of which is not licensed in this state, may give proof of financial responsibility by filing with the department a written certificate or certificates of an insurance company authorized to transact business in the state in which the motor vehicle or motor vehicles described in such certificate or certificates are registered, or if such nonresident does not own a

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784 motor vehicle, then in the state in which the insured resides, 785 provided such certificate otherwise conforms to the provisions of 786 this chapter. The department shall accept the same upon condition 787 that said insurance company complies with the following provisions 788 with respect to the policies so certified:

(a) Said insurance company shall execute a power of
attorney authorizing the department to accept service on its
behalf of notice or process in any action arising out of a motor
vehicle accident in this state;

(b) Said insurance company shall agree in writing that such policies shall be deemed to conform with the laws of this state relating to the terms of motor vehicle liability policies issued herein.

797 If any insurance company not authorized to transact (2)798 business in this state, which has qualified to furnish proof of 799 financial responsibility, defaults in any said undertakings or 800 agreements, the department shall not thereafter accept as proof 801 any certificate of said company whether theretofore filed or 802 thereafter tendered as proof, so long as such default continues. 803 SECTION 27. Section 63-15-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 804 brought forward as follows:

63-15-43. (1) A "motor vehicle liability policy" as said
term is used in this chapter shall mean an owner's or an
operator's motor vehicle liability policy, that has been certified
as provided in Section 63-15-39 or Section 63-15-41, as proof of

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financial responsibility, and issued, except as otherwise provided in Section 63-15-41, by an insurance company duly authorized to write motor vehicle liability insurance in this state, to or for the benefit of the person named therein as insured.

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(2) Such owner's motor vehicle liability policy:

(a) May be any motor vehicle liability policy form that
has been filed with and approved by the Commissioner of Insurance
and may contain exclusions and limitations on coverage as long as
the exclusions and limitations language has been filed with and
approved by the Commissioner of Insurance.

819 Shall have limits of liability no less than: (b) 820 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) because of bodily injury to or death of one (1) person in any one (1) accident and, subject 821 822 to said limit for one (1) person, Fifty Thousand Dollars 823 (\$50,000.00) because of bodily injury to or death of two (2) or 824 more persons in any one (1) accident, and Twenty-five Thousand 825 Dollars (\$25,000.00) because of injury to or destruction of 826 property of others in any one (1) accident.

827 (3) Every motor vehicle liability policy certified under the
828 provisions of this chapter shall be subject to the following
829 provisions which need not be contained therein:

(a) The liability of the insurance company with respect
to the insurance required by this chapter shall become absolute
whenever injury or damage covered by said motor vehicle liability
policy occurs; said policy may not be cancelled or annulled as to

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834 such liability by any agreement between the insurance company and 835 the insured after the occurrence of the injury or damage; no 836 statement made by the insured or on his behalf and no violation of 837 said policy shall defeat or void said policy;

(b) The satisfaction by the insured of a judgment for such injury or damage shall not be a condition precedent to the right or duty of the insurance company to make payment on account of such injury or damage;

(c) The insurance company shall have the right to
settle any claim covered by the policy, and if such settlement is
made in good faith, the amount thereof shall be deductible from
the limits of liability specified in paragraph (b) of subsection
(2) of this section; or

(d) The policy, the written application therefor, if
any, and any rider or endorsement which does not conflict with the
provisions of the chapter shall constitute the entire contract
between the parties.

(4) Any policy which grants the coverage required for a motor vehicle liability policy may also grant any lawful coverage in excess of or in addition to the coverage specified for a motor vehicle liability policy, and such excess or additional coverage shall not be subject to the provisions of this chapter. With respect to a policy which grants such excess or additional coverage, the term "motor vehicle liability policy" shall apply

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858 only to that part of the coverage which is required by this 859 section.

(5) Any motor vehicle liability policy may provide that the insured shall reimburse the insurance company for any payment the insurance company would not have been obligated to make under the terms of the policy except for the provisions of this chapter.

864 (6) Any motor vehicle liability policy may provide for the
 865 prorating of the insurance thereunder with other valid and
 866 collectible insurance.

867 (7) The requirements for a motor vehicle liability policy
868 may be fulfilled by the policies of one or more insurance
869 companies which policies together meet such requirements.

(8) Any binder issued pending the issuance of a motor
vehicle liability policy shall be deemed to fulfill the
requirements for such a policy.

873 SECTION 28. Section 63-15-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 874 amended as follows:

875 63-15-49. (1) Proof of financial responsibility may be 876 furnished by filing a bond with the department, accompanied by the 877 statutory recording fee of the chancery clerk to cover the cost of 878 recordation of the notice provided for herein. The bond may be 879 either a surety bond with a surety company authorized to do 880 business within the state or a bond with at least two (2) 881 individual sureties each owning real estate within the state not 882 exempt under the constitution or laws of the State of Mississippi

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883 and together having equities equal in value to at least twice the 884 amount of such bond. In cases of a bond with two (2) individual 885 sureties, such real estate shall be scheduled and a description 886 thereof shall appear in the bond approved by the clerk of the 887 chancery court of the county or counties in which the real estate 888 is located and also approved by the tax collector of the county or 889 counties where the property is situated as being free from any 890 delinquent tax liens. Such bond shall be conditioned for payments 891 in amounts and under the same circumstances as would be required 892 in a motor vehicle liability policy, and shall not be cancellable 893 except after five (5) days' written notice is received by the 894 department. However, cancellation shall not prevent recovery with 895 respect to any right or cause of action arising prior to the date 896 of cancellation. Such bond shall constitute a lien in favor of 897 the state upon the real estate so scheduled of any surety, which 898 lien shall exist in favor of any holder of a final judgment 899 against the person who has filed such bond. Notice to that 900 effect, which shall include a description of the real estate 901 scheduled in the bond, shall be filed by the department in the 902 office of the chancery clerk of the county where such real estate 903 is situated. Such notice shall be accompanied by the statutory 904 fee for the services of the chancery clerk in connection with the 905 recordation of such notice, and the chancery clerk or his deputy, 906 upon receipt of such notice, shall acknowledge and cause the same 907 to be recorded in the lien records. Recordation shall constitute

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908 notice as provided by the statutes governing the recordation of 909 liens on real estate.

910 (2) If a judgment rendered against the principal on such 911 surety or real estate bond shall not be satisfied within sixty 912 (60) days after it has become final, the judgment creditor may, 913 for his own use and benefit and at his sole expense, bring an 914 action or actions in the name of the state against the persons who 915 executed such bond, including an action or proceeding to foreclose 916 any lien that may exist upon the real estate of a person who has executed such real estate bond, which foreclosure action shall be 917 918 brought in like manner and subject to all the provisions of law 919 applicable to an action to foreclose a mortgage on real estate.

920 SECTION 29. Section 63-15-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 921 amended as follows:

922 63-15-51. (1) Proof of financial responsibility may be 923 evidenced by the certificate of the State Treasurer that the 924 person named therein has deposited with him Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) in cash, or securities *** * *** as may legally 925 926 be purchased by savings banks or for trust funds of a market value 927 of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). The State Treasurer 928 shall not accept any such deposit and issue a certificate therefor 929 and the department shall not accept such certificate unless 930 accompanied by evidence that there are no unsatisfied judgments of 931 any character against the depositor in the county where the 932 depositor resides.

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933 (2)Such deposit shall be held by the State Treasurer to 934 satisfy, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, any 935 execution on a judgment issued against * * * the person making the 936 deposit, for damages, including damages for care and loss of 937 services, because of bodily injury to or death of any person, or 938 for damages because of injury to or destruction of property, 939 including the loss of use thereof, resulting from the ownership, 940 maintenance, use or operation of a motor vehicle after * * * the 941 deposit was made. Money or securities so deposited shall not be 942 subject to attachment or execution unless * * * the attachment or execution shall arise out of a suit for damages as aforesaid. 943

944 SECTION 30. Section 63-15-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 945 amended as follows:

946 63-15-53. (1) Any person in whose name more than
947 <u>twenty-five (25)</u> motor vehicles are licensed may qualify as a
948 self-insurer by obtaining a certificate of self-insurance issued
949 by the department as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

950 (2) The department may, in its discretion, upon the 951 application of a person, issue a certificate of self-insurance 952 when it is satisfied that such person is possessed and will 953 continue to be possessed of ability to pay judgments obtained 954 against such person.

955 (3) Upon not less than five <u>(5)</u> days notice and a hearing 956 pursuant to such notice, the department may upon reasonable 957 grounds cancel a certificate of self-insurance. Failure to pay

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958 any judgment within thirty (30) days after such judgment shall 959 have become final shall constitute a reasonable ground for the 960 cancellation of a certificate of self-insurance.

961 SECTION 31. Section 63-19-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 962 brought forward as follows:

963 63-19-3. The following words and phrases, when used in this 964 chapter, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in 965 this section, except where the context or subject matter otherwise 966 requires:

967 (a) "Motor vehicle" means any self-propelled or motored
968 device designed to be used or used primarily for the
969 transportation of passengers or property, or both, and having a
970 gross vehicular weight rating of less than fifteen thousand
971 (15,000) pounds, but shall not include electric personal assistive
972 mobility devices, personal delivery devices or electric bicycles
973 as defined in Section 63-3-103.

974 "Commercial vehicle" means any self-propelled or (b) motored device designed to be used or used primarily for the 975 976 transportation of passengers or property, or both, and having a 977 gross vehicular weight rating of fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds 978 or more; however, wherever "motor vehicle" appears in this 979 chapter, except in Section 63-19-43, the same shall be construed 980 to include commercial vehicles where such construction is 981 necessary in order to give effect to this chapter.

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982 (c) "Retail buyer" or "buyer" means a person who buys a 983 motor vehicle or commercial vehicle from a retail seller, not for 984 the purpose of resale, and who executes a retail installment 985 contract in connection therewith.

986 (d) "Retail seller" or "seller" means a person who 987 sells a motor vehicle or commercial vehicle to a retail buyer 988 under or subject to a retail installment contract.

989 (e) The "holder" of a retail installment contract means 990 the retail seller of the motor vehicle or commercial vehicle under 991 or subject to the contract or if the contract is purchased by a 992 sales finance company or other assignee, the sales finance company 993 or other assignee.

"Retail installment transaction" means any 994 (f) 995 transaction evidenced by a retail installment contract entered 996 into between a retail buyer and a retail seller wherein the retail buyer buys a motor vehicle or commercial vehicle from the retail 997 998 seller at a time price payable in one or more deferred 999 installments. The cash sale price of the motor vehicle or 1000 commercial vehicle, the amount included for insurance and other 1001 benefits if a separate charge is made therefor, official fees and 1002 the finance charge shall together constitute the time price.

1003 (g) "Retail installment contract" or "contract" means 1004 an agreement entered into in this state pursuant to which the 1005 title to or a lien upon the motor vehicle or commercial vehicle 1006 which is the subject matter of a retail installment transaction is

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1007 retained or taken by a retail seller from a retail buyer as 1008 security for the buyer's obligation. The term includes a chattel mortgage, a conditional sales contract and a contract for the 1009 bailment or leasing of a motor vehicle or commercial vehicle by 1010 1011 which the bailee or lessee contracts to pay as compensation for 1012 its use a sum substantially equivalent to or in excess of its value and by which it is agreed that the bailee or lessee is bound 1013 1014 to become, or has the option of becoming, the owner of the motor 1015 vehicle upon full compliance with the provisions of the contract.

"Cash sale price" means the price stated in a 1016 (h) retail installment contract for which the seller would have sold 1017 1018 to the buyer, and the buyer would have bought from the seller, the 1019 motor vehicle or commercial vehicle which is the subject matter of 1020 the retail installment contract, if such sale had been a sale for 1021 cash instead of a retail installment transaction. The cash sale 1022 price may include any taxes, registration, certificate of title, 1023 if any, license and other fees and charges for accessories and 1024 their installation and for delivery, servicing, repairing or 1025 improving the motor vehicle or commercial vehicle.

(i) "Official fees" means the fees prescribed by law
for filing, recording or otherwise perfecting and releasing or
satisfying a retained title or a lien created by a retail
installment contract, if recorded.

1030 (j) "Finance charge" means the amount agreed upon1031 between the buyer and the seller, as limited in this chapter, to

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1032 be added to the aggregate of the cash sale price, the amount, if 1033 any, included for insurance and other benefits and official fees, 1034 in determining the time price.

1035 (k) "Sales finance company" means a person engaged, in 1036 whole or in part, in the business of purchasing retail installment 1037 contracts from one or more retail sellers. The term includes, but is not limited to, a bank, trust company, private banker, 1038 1039 industrial bank or investment company, if so engaged. The term 1040 also includes a retail seller engaged, in whole or in part, in the 1041 business of creating and holding retail installment contracts 1042 which exceed a total aggregate outstanding indebtedness of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). The term does not include 1043 1044 the pledgee to whom is pledged one or more of such contracts to secure a bona fide loan thereon. 1045

(1) "Person" means an individual, partnership,corporation, association and any other group however organized.

1048 (m) "Administrator" means the Commissioner of Banking 1049 and Consumer Finance or his duly authorized representative.

1050 (n) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Banking 1051 and Consumer Finance.

(o) "Records" or "documents" means any item in hard
copy or produced in a format of storage commonly described as
electronic, imaged, magnetic, microphotographic or otherwise, and
any reproduction so made shall have the same force and effect as

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1056 the original thereof and be admitted in evidence equally with the 1057 original.

1058 Words in the singular include the plural and vice versa.
1059 SECTION 32. Section 63-21-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1060 amended as follows:

1061 63-21-3. The terms and provisions of this chapter shall be 1062 administered by the Department of Revenue. The Department of 1063 Revenue shall have charge of all the affairs of administering the 1064 laws of the state relative to vehicle registration and titling, 1065 including fully autonomous vehicles, and manufactured housing 1066 titling as hereinafter provided and may employ such administrative 1067 and clerical assistance, material and equipment as may be 1068 necessary to enable it to speedily, completely and efficiently 1069 perform the duties as outlined in this chapter.

1070 SECTION 33. Section 63-21-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1071 amended as follows:

1072 63-21-9. (1) Except as provided in Section 63-21-11, every 1073 owner of a motor vehicle as defined in this chapter, which is in 1074 this state and which is manufactured or assembled after July 1, 1075 1969, or which is the subject of first sale for use after July 1, 1076 1969, * * * every owner of a manufactured home as defined in this 1077 chapter, which is in this state and which is manufactured or assembled after July 1, 1999, or which is the subject of first 1078 sale for use after July 1, 1999, and every owner of a fully 1079 1080 autonomous vehicle as defined in Section 3 of this act, which is

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1081 <u>in this state and which is manufactured or assembled after July 1,</u> 1082 <u>2023, or which is the subject of first sale for use after July 1,</u> 1083 <u>2023, shall make application to the * * * Department of Revenue</u> 1084 for a certificate of title with the following exceptions:

1085 (a) Voluntary application for title may be made for any 1086 model motor vehicle which is in this state after July 1, 1087 1969, * * * for any model manufactured home or mobile home which 1088 is in this state after July 1, 1999, and for any model fully 1089 autonomous vehicles which is in this state after July 1, 2023, and any person bringing a motor vehicle, manufactured home * * *, 1090 1091 mobile home or fully autonomous vehicle into this state from a 1092 state which requires titling shall make application for title to 1093 the * * * Department of Revenue within thirty (30) days 1094 thereafter.

1095 After July 1, 1969, any dealer, acting for himself, (b) 1096 or another, who sells, trades or otherwise transfers any new or 1097 used vehicle as defined in this chapter, * * * after July 1, 1999, any dealer, acting for himself, or another, who sells, trades or 1098 1099 otherwise transfers any new or used manufactured home or mobile 1100 home as defined in this chapter, and after July 1, 2023, any 1101 dealer, acting for himself, or another, who sells, trades or 1102 otherwise transfers any new or used fully autonomous vehicle as 1103 defined in Section 3 of this act, or any designated agent, shall 1104 furnish to the purchaser or transferee, without charge for either application or certificate of title, an application for title of 1105

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1106 said vehicle, manufactured home * * *, mobile home or fully 1107 autonomous vehicle and cause to be forwarded to the * * * Department of Revenue any and all documents required by the * * * 1108 1109 department to issue certificate of title to the purchaser or 1110 transferee. The purchaser or transferee may then use the 1111 duplicate application for title as a permit to operate vehicle as provided in Section 63-21-67, until certificate of title is 1112 1113 received.

1114 (2) (a) Voluntary application for title may be made for any 1115 model all-terrain vehicle which is in this state.

(b) A dealer who sells, trades or otherwise transfers any new or used all-terrain vehicles as defined in this chapter, may furnish to the purchaser or transferee, without charge for either application or certificate of title, an application for title of said vehicle, and cause to be forwarded to the State Tax Commission any and all documents required by the commission to issue certificate of title to the purchaser or transferee.

(3) Any dealer, acting for himself or another who sells, trades or otherwise transfers any vehicle, manufactured home * * *, mobile home <u>or fully autonomous vehicle</u> required to be titled under this chapter who does not comply with the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

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1130 SECTION 34. Section 63-21-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1131 brought forward as follows:

1132 63-21-11. (1) No certificate of title need be obtained for: 1133 (a) A vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home owned 1134 by the United States or any agency thereof;

(b) A vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home owned by a manufacturer or dealer and held for sale, even though incidentally moved on the highway or used for purposes of testing or demonstration, or a vehicle used by a manufacturer solely for testing;

(c) A vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home owned by a nonresident of this state and not required by law to be registered in this state;

(d) A vehicle regularly engaged in the interstate transportation of persons or property for which a currently effective certificate of title has been issued in another state;

(e) A vehicle moved solely by animal power;

1147 (f) An implement of husbandry;

1148 (g) Special mobile equipment;

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1149 (h) A pole trailer;
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1150 (i) Utility trailers of less than five thousand (5,000)
1151 pounds gross vehicle weight;

(j) A manufactured home with respect to which the requirements of subsections (1) through (5) of Section 63-21-30, as applicable, have been satisfied unless with respect to the same

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1155 manufactured home or mobile home there has been recorded an 1156 affidavit of severance pursuant to subsection (6) of Section 1157 63-21-30.

(2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the issuance of a certificate of title to the nonresident owner of an all-terrain vehicle that is purchased in this state.

1161 SECTION 35. Section 63-21-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1162 brought forward as follows:

1163 63-21-15. (1) The application for the certificate of title 1164 of a vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home in this state shall 1165 be made by the owner to a designated agent, on the form the 1166 Department of Revenue prescribes, and shall contain or be 1167 accompanied by the following, if applicable:

(a) The name, driver's license number, if the owner has been issued a driver's license, current residence and mailing address of the owner;

(b) (i) If a vehicle, a description of the vehicle, including the following data: year, make, model, vehicle identification number, type of body, the number of cylinders, odometer reading at the time of application, and whether new or used; and

(ii) If a manufactured home or mobile home, a description of the manufactured home or mobile home, including the following data: year, make, model number, serial number and whether new or used;

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(c) The date of purchase by applicant, the name and address of the person from whom the vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home was acquired, and the names and addresses of any lienholders in the order of their priority and the dates of their security agreements;

(d) In connection with the transfer of ownership of a manufactured home or mobile home sold by a sheriff's bill of sale, a copy of the sheriff's bill of sale;

(e) (i) An odometer disclosure statement made by the transferor of a motor vehicle. The statement shall read:

"Federal and state law requires that you state the mileage in connection with the transfer of ownership. Failure to complete or providing a false statement may result in fine and/or

1193 imprisonment.

I state that the odometer now reads _____ (no tenths) miles and to the best of my knowledge that it reflects the actual mileage of the vehicle described herein, unless one (1) of the following statements is checked:

1198 _____(1) I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge 1199 the odometer reading reflects the amount of mileage in excess of 1200 its mechanical limits.

1201 (2) I hereby certify that the odometer reading is not 1202 the actual mileage. WARNING-ODOMETER DISCREPANCY!"

1203 (ii) In connection with the transfer of ownership 1204 of a motor vehicle, each transferor shall disclose the mileage to

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1205 the transferee in writing on the title or on the document being 1206 used to reassign the title, which form shall be prescribed and 1207 furnished by the Department of Revenue. This written disclosure 1208 must be signed by the transferor and transferee, including the 1209 printed name of both parties.

Notwithstanding the requirements above, the following exemptions as to odometer disclosure shall be in effect: 1212 1. A vehicle having a gross vehicle weight 1213 rating of more than sixteen thousand (16,000) pounds. 1214 2. A vehicle that is not self-propelled.

1215 3. A vehicle that is twenty (20) years old or

1216 older.

1217 4. A vehicle sold directly by the1218 manufacturer to any agency of the United States in conformity with1219 contractual specifications.

5. A transferor of a new vehicle prior to its first transfer for purposes other than resale need not disclose the vehicle's odometer mileage.

(iii) Any person who knowingly gives a false statement concerning the odometer reading on an odometer disclosure statement shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine of up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment of up to one (1) year, or both, at the discretion of the court. These penalties shall be

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1229 cumulative, supplemental and in addition to the penalties provided 1230 by any other law; and

(f) For previously used manufactured homes and mobile homes that previously have not been titled in this state or any other state, a disclosure statement shall be made by the owner of the manufactured home or mobile home applying for the certificate of title. That statement shall read:

"I state that the previously used manufactured home or mobile home owned by me for which I am applying for a certificate of title, to the best of my knowledge:

1239 _____ (1) Has never been declared a total loss due to 1240 flood damage, fire damage, wind damage or other damage; or 1241 _____ (2) Has previously been declared a total loss due 1242 to:

- 1243 (a) Collision;
- 1244 (b) Flood;
- 1245 _____ (c) Fire;
- 1246 (d) Wind;

1247 (e) Other (please describe): _____

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(2) The application shall be accompanied by such evidence as the Department of Revenue reasonably requires to identify the vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home and to enable the Department of Revenue to determine whether the owner is entitled to a certificate of title and the existence or nonexistence of

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1254 security interests in the vehicle, manufactured home or mobile 1255 home and whether the applicant is liable for a use tax as provided 1256 by Sections 27-67-1 through 27-67-33.

1257 If the application is for a vehicle, manufactured home (3)1258 or mobile home purchased from a dealer, it shall contain the name 1259 and address of any lienholder holding a security interest created 1260 or reserved at the time of the sale and the date of his security 1261 agreement and it shall be signed by the dealer as well as the 1262 The designated agent shall promptly mail or deliver the owner. 1263 application to the Department of Revenue.

(4) If the application is for a new vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home, it shall contain the certified manufacturer's statement of origin showing proper assignments to the applicant and a copy of each security interest document.

1268 (5) Each application shall contain or be accompanied by the 1269 certificate of a designated agent that the vehicle, manufactured 1270 home or mobile home has been physically inspected by him and that 1271 the vehicle identification number and descriptive data shown on 1272 the application, pursuant to the requirements of subsection (1)(b) 1273 of this section, are correct, and also that he has identified the 1274 person signing the application and witnessed the signature. Ιf the application is to receive a branded title for a vehicle for 1275 1276 which a salvage certificate of title has been issued, the 1277 application shall be accompanied by a sworn affidavit that the 1278 vehicle complies with the requirements of this section, Section

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1279 63-21-39 and the regulations promulgated by the Department of 1280 Revenue under Section 63-21-39.

1281 If the application is for a first certificate of (6) (a) 1282 title on a vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home other than a 1283 new vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home, then the 1284 application shall conform with the requirements of this section 1285 except that in lieu of the manufacturer's statement of origin, the 1286 application shall be accompanied by a copy of the bill of sale of 1287 said motor vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home whereby the 1288 applicant claims title or in lieu thereof, in the case of a motor 1289 vehicle, certified copies of the last two (2) years' tag and tax 1290 receipts or in lieu thereof, in any case, such other information 1291 the Department of Revenue may reasonably require to identify the 1292 vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home and to enable the 1293 Department of Revenue to determine ownership of the vehicle, 1294 manufactured home or mobile home and the existence or nonexistence 1295 of security interest in it. If the application is for a vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home last previously registered in 1296 1297 another state or country, the application shall also be 1298 accompanied by the certificate of title issued by the other state 1299 or country, if any, properly assigned.

(b) A person may apply for a certificate of title to a
vehicle lacking proper documentation if the vehicle is at least
thirty (30) years old and the person submits a certificate of

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1303 ownership signed under penalty of perjury on a form prescribed by 1304 the Department of Revenue.

(7) If the application is for a vehicle the owner does not intend to drive, the owner need not purchase a license tag in order to receive a certificate of title, so long as the application contains an affidavit attesting to the owner's intent that the vehicle not be operated on the highways of this state until and unless the owner applies for a license tag.

1311 (8) Every designated agent within this state shall, no later 1312 than the next business day after they are received by him, forward 1313 to the Department of Revenue by mail, postage prepaid, the 1314 originals of all applications received by him, together with such 1315 evidence of title as may have been delivered to him by the 1316 applicants.

(9) An application for certificate of title and information
to be placed on an application for certificate of title may be
transferred electronically as provided in Section 63-21-16.

1320 (10) The Department of Revenue shall issue a certificate of 1321 title or any other document applied for under this chapter to the 1322 designated agent, owner or lienholder of the motor vehicle or of 1323 the manufactured home or mobile home, as appropriate, not more 1324 than thirty (30) days after the application and required fee prescribed under Section 63-21-63 or Section 63-21-64 are received 1325 1326 unless the applicant requests expedited processing under subsection (11) of this section. 1327

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1328 (11)The Department of Revenue shall establish an (a) 1329 expedited processing procedure for the receipt of applications and 1330 the issuance of certificates of title and any other documents 1331 issued under this chapter, except a replacement certificate of title as provided under Section 63-21-27(2), for motor vehicles 1332 1333 and for manufactured homes or mobile homes. Any designated agent, 1334 lienholder or owner requesting the issuance of any such document, 1335 at his or her option, shall receive such expedited processing upon 1336 payment of a fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00). Such fee shall be in addition to the fees applicable to the issuance of 1337 any such documents under Section 63-21-63 and Section 63-21-64. 1338

1339 When expedited title processing is requested, the (b) 1340 applicable fees are paid and all documents and information necessary for the Department of Revenue to issue the certificate 1341 1342 of title or other documents applied for are received by the 1343 department, then the department shall complete processing of the 1344 application and issue the title or document applied for within seventy-two (72) hours of the time of receipt, excluding weekends 1345 1346 and holidays.

1347 SECTION 36. Section 63-21-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1348 brought forward as follows:

1349 63-21-17. (1) The Department of Revenue shall examine each 1350 application received and, when satisfied as to its genuineness and 1351 regularity and that the applicant is entitled to the issuance of a 1352 certificate of title, shall issue a certificate of title of the

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1353 vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home on the form prescribed 1354 by the department.

1355 (2) The Department of Revenue shall maintain a record of all 1356 certificates of title issued for fifteen (15) years from the date 1357 of issuance, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter:

1358 (a) Under a distinctive title number assigned to the1359 vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home;

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(b) Under the vehicle identification number;

1361 (c) Under the name of the owner; and

1362 (d) In the discretion of the Department of Revenue, by1363 any other method the department determines.

1364 The Department of Revenue shall maintain a record of (3)1365 each affidavit of affixation filed in accordance with subsections 1366 (3), (4) and (5) of Section 63-21-30. The record shall state the 1367 name and mailing address of each owner of the related manufactured 1368 home, the county of recordation, the date of recordation, and the 1369 book and page number of each book of records in which there has 1370 been recorded an affidavit of affixation under subsections (1) and 1371 (2) of Section 63-21-30, the name of the manufacturer, the make, 1372 the model name, the model year, the dimensions, and the 1373 manufacturer's serial number or VIN of the manufactured home or 1374 mobile home, to the extent that such data exists, and any other 1375 information the Department of Revenue prescribes.

1376 (4) The Department of Revenue shall maintain a record of1377 each manufacturer's certificate of origin submitted for the

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1378 purpose of effectuating the retirement of title as provided in 1379 Section 63-21-30. The record shall state the name and mailing address of each owner of the manufactured home, the date the 1380 1381 manufacturer's certificate of origin was submitted, the county of 1382 recordation, the date of recordation, and the book and page number 1383 of each book of records in which there has been recorded an 1384 affidavit of affixation under subsections (1) and (2) of Section 1385 63-21-30, the name of the manufacturer, the make, the model name, 1386 the model year, the dimensions, and the manufacturer's serial 1387 number or VIN of the manufactured home or mobile home, to the 1388 extent that such data exists, and any other information the 1389 Department of Revenue prescribes.

1390 The Department of Revenue shall maintain a record of (5)each certificate of title accepted for surrender as provided in 1391 1392 subsection (5) of Section 63-21-30. The record shall state the 1393 name and mailing address of each owner of the manufactured home, 1394 the date the certificate of title was accepted for surrender, the county of recordation, the date of recordation, and the book and 1395 1396 page number of each book of records in which there has been 1397 recorded an affidavit of affixation under subsections (1) and (2) 1398 of Section 63-21-30, the name of the manufacturer, the make, the 1399 model name, the model year, the dimensions, and the manufacturer's 1400 serial number or VIN of the manufactured home or mobile home, to 1401 the extent that such data exists, and any other information the 1402 Department of Revenue prescribes.

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1403 (6) The Department of Revenue shall maintain a record of 1404 each affidavit of severance filed in accordance with subsection 1405 (6) of Section 63-21-30. The record shall state the name and mailing address of each owner of the related manufactured home, 1406 1407 the county of recordation, the date of recordation, and the book 1408 and page number of each book of records in which there has been 1409 recorded an affidavit of severance under subsection (6) of Section 1410 63-21-30, the name of the manufacturer, the make, the model name, 1411 the model year, the dimensions, and the manufacturer's serial number or VIN of the manufactured home or mobile home, to the 1412 1413 extent that such data exists, and any other information the 1414 Department of Revenue prescribes.

1415 Records of affidavits of affixation, submitted (7)manufacturer's certificates of origin, surrendered certificates of 1416 1417 title, and affidavits of severance shall be maintained permanently 1418 and be subject to public records request. The records of 1419 affidavits of affixation, submitted manufacturer's certificates of 1420 origin, and surrendered certificates of title shall include a 1421 statement that the manufactured home is real property as provided in subsections (13) and (14) of Section 63-21-30. 1422

1423SECTION 37. This act shall take effect and be in force from1424and after July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MISSISSIPPI FULLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE 2 ENABLING (MS FAVE) ACT OF 2023; TO DEFINE TERMINOLOGY USED HEREIN; 3 TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF FULLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES ON THE 4 PUBLIC ROADS OF THIS STATE WITHOUT A HUMAN DRIVER PROVIDED THAT 5 THE AUTOMATED DRIVING SYSTEM IS ENGAGED AND CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE 6 MET; TO SPECIFY THE CONDITIONS TO BE SATISFIED BEFORE A FULLY 7 AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE MAY OPERATE UPON THE PUBLIC ROADS OF THIS 8 STATE; TO REQUIRE THE OPERATOR OF A FULLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE TO 9 SUBMIT A LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERACTION PLAN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO PROVIDE THAT AN AUTOMATED DRIVING SYSTEM 10 11 INSTALLED ON A MOTOR VEHICLE IS CONSIDERED THE DRIVER OR OPERATOR, 12 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSING COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE UNIFORM 13 TRAFFIC LAWS; TO STIPULATE THAT BEFORE OPERATING A FULLY 14 AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE ON PUBLIC ROADS IN THIS STATE WITHOUT A HUMAN 15 DRIVER, SATISFACTORY PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY MUST BE 16 FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO PRESCRIBE THE 17 PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED WHEN A FULLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE IS 18 INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT; TO PERMIT THE OPERATION OF AN ON-DEMAND 19 AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE NETWORK IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPERATION OF 20 TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES, TAXIS OR ANY OTHER GROUND 21 TRANSPORTATION FOR-HIRE OF PASSENGERS; TO REQUIRE FULLY AUTONOMOUS 22 VEHICLES TO BE REGISTERED AND TITLED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF 23 REVENUE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANUAL HUMAN OPERATION OF VEHICLES 24 EQUIPPED WITH AN AUTOMATED DRIVING SYSTEM; TO AUTHORIZE THE 25 OPERATION OF FULLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES THAT ARE CLASSIFIED AS 26 COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES; TO EXEMPT FULLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES 27 DESIGNED TO BE OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY BY AUTOMATED DRIVING SYSTEMS 28 FROM CERTAIN VEHICLE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS; TO PROHIBIT 29 UNAUTHORIZED STATE AGENCIES, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE, 30 OR LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITY FROM RESTRICTING THE OPERATION OF 31 FULLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES OR IMPOSING TAXES, FEES AND OTHER 32 REQUIREMENTS UPON FULLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 33 63-1-203, 63-3-103, 63-15-49, 63-15-51, 63-15-53, 63-21-3 AND 34 63-21-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY TO THE PRECEDING 35 PROVISIONS; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 63-1-5, 63-3-401, 63-3-405, 36 63-3-411, 63-3-413, 63-3-619, 63-5-53, 63-7-9, 63-15-37, 63-15-39, 37 63-15-41, 63-15-43, 63-19-3, 63-21-11, 63-21-15 AND 63-21-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS; 38 39 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.