

By: Representatives Shanks, Tullos, Felsher

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 349

1 AN ACT TO IMPOSE CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON THE ELEVATING OR
2 LOWERING A MOTOR VEHICLE; TO PROHIBIT MOTOR VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS
3 THAT RESULT IN THE MOTOR VEHICLE'S FRONT FENDER BEING RAISED FOUR
4 OR MORE INCHES ABOVE THE HEIGHT OF THE REAR FENDER; TO PROVIDE FOR
5 THE MANNER OF MEASURING THE HEIGHT OF THE FRONT FENDER IN RELATION
6 TO THE REAR FENDER; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND FOR
7 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to drive
10 a passenger motor vehicle on the public roadways of this state
11 which has been elevated or lowered, yet still leveled, more than
12 six (6) inches by a modification, alteration, or change in the
13 physical structure of the vehicle. Any person violating the
14 provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon
15 conviction, shall be fined not less than Twenty-five Dollars
16 (\$25.00) nor more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). However, the
17 provisions in this subsection shall not apply to motor vehicles
18 commonly referred to as "pickup trucks."

19 (2) (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a
20 passenger motor vehicle, including vehicles commonly referred to



21 as pickup trucks, on the public roadways of this state if, by
22 alteration of the suspension, frame or chassis, the height of the
23 front fender is raised or lowered four (4) or more inches greater
24 than the height of the rear fender. For purposes of this
25 subsection, the height of the fender shall be a vertical
26 measurement from and perpendicular to the ground, through the
27 centerline of the wheel, and to the bottom of the fender. As used
28 in this subsection, "fender" means the pressed and formed part
29 mounted over the road wheels of a motor vehicle to reduce the
30 splashing of mud, water, or similar substances.

31 (b) A person who violates the provisions of this
32 subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction:

33 (i) For a first offense, shall be fined One
34 Hundred Dollars (\$100.00);

35 (ii) For a second offense, shall be fined Two
36 Hundred Dollars (\$200.00); and

37 (iii) for a third or subsequent offense, shall be
38 fined Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) and have his or her license
39 suspended by the Department of Public Safety for twelve (12)
40 months from the date of conviction.

41 (c) Only offenses which occur within five (5) years of
42 each other, including and immediately preceding the date of the
43 last offense, shall constitute a prior offense within the meaning
44 of this subsection.



45 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
46 and after July 1, 2024.

