

By: Representatives Gibbs (72nd), Summers,  
Brown, Holloway (27th)

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1080

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-83, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REQUIRE TRUCKS, TRAILERS AND OTHER CARRIERS WITH AN OPEN TOP  
3 TRAVELING UPON THE PUBLIC ROADWAYS OF ANY MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY  
4 WITHIN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI WHILE TRANSPORTING CERTAIN ITEMS  
5 TO BE EQUIPPED AND COVERED WITH A TARPAULIN, CANVAS OR OTHER TOP  
6 COVERING TO SECURE THE TRANSPORTED ITEMS FROM ESCAPE; AND FOR  
7 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-7-83, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
10 amended as follows:

11 63-7-83. Every truck, trailer or other carrier with an open  
12 top, while traveling upon any state, United States or interstate  
13 highway in the State of Mississippi, or upon any public roadway  
14 with any municipality or county within the State of Mississippi,  
15 and while carrying any load of sand, dirt, gravel \* \* \*, rock or  
16 paint shall be equipped with a tarpaulin, canvas or other such top  
17 and same to be secured over the top of any load of sand, dirt,  
18 gravel \* \* \*, rock or paint.

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

