

By: Senator(s) Barrett, McMahan, Rhodes,
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To: Highways and
Transportation

SENATE BILL NO. 2250

1 AN ACT TO CREATE SECTION 63-7-105, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS THAT RESULT IN THE
3 MOTOR VEHICLES' FRONT FENDERS BEING RAISED FOUR (4) OR MORE INCHES
4 GREATER THAN THE HEIGHT OF THE REAR FENDERS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE
5 MANNER OF MEASURING THE HEIGHT OF THE FENDERS, TO DEFINE RELEVANT
6 TERMS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND FOR RELATED
7 PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
10 63-7-105, Mississippi Code of 1972:

11 63-7-105. (1) For purposes of this section:

12 (a) The height of the fender shall be a vertical
13 measurement from, and perpendicular to, the ground, through the
14 centerline of the wheel, and to the bottom of the fender.

15 (b) "Fender" means the pressed and formed part mounted
16 over the road wheels of a motor vehicle to reduce the splashing of
17 mud, water or similar substances.

18 (c) "Squatted vehicles" means vehicles whose front
19 fenders have been raised four (4) or more inches greater than the



20 rear fenders. The described modification makes a vehicle appear
21 as if it is "squatting" on its back tires.

22 (2) It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a passenger
23 motor vehicle, including vehicles commonly referred to as pickup
24 trucks, on the streets or highways of this State if, by alteration
25 of the suspension, frame or chassis, the height of the front
26 fender is raised four (4) or more inches greater than the height
27 of the rear fender.

28 (3) A person who violates the provisions of this subsection
29 is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction:

30 (a) for a first offense, shall be fined One Hundred
31 Dollars (\$100.00);

32 (b) for a second offense, shall be fined Two Hundred
33 Dollars (\$200.00); and

34 (c) for a third or subsequent offense, shall be fined
35 Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) and have his or her license
36 suspended by the Commission of Public Safety for a period of
37 twelve (12) months from the date of conviction.

38 (4) Only offenses which occur within five (5) years of each
39 other, including and immediately preceding the date of the last
40 offense, shall constitute a prior offense within the meaning of
41 this subsection.

42 (5) The penalties for this section shall take effect one
43 hundred eighty (180) days after the effective date. For a period
44 of one hundred eighty (180) days after the effective date, state



45 and local law enforcement officers shall only issue warning
46 tickets for a violation of the provisions of this section. From
47 and after January 27, 2025, state and local law enforcement
48 officers shall issue tickets that assess penalties, as outlined in
49 subsection (3) of this section, to drivers of squatted vehicles.

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

