

By: Representative Zuber

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 219

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-501, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT FOR TRUCKS SHALL BE FIVE
3 MILES PER HOUR LESS THAN THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT ESTABLISHED FOR
4 OTHER VEHICLES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 63-3-501, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 63-3-501. (1) No person shall operate a vehicle on the
9 highways of the state at a speed greater than sixty-five (65)
10 miles per hour.

11 (2) The Mississippi Transportation Commission may, in its
12 discretion, by order duly entered on its minutes, increase the
13 speed restrictions on any portion of the Interstate Highway
14 System provided such speed restrictions are not increased to more
15 than seventy (70) miles per hour. The commission may likewise
16 increase the speed limit to seventy (70) miles per hour on
17 controlled access highways with four (4) or more lanes.

18 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) and
19 (2) of this section, the maximum speed limit for trucks shall be
20 five (5) miles per hour less than the speed limit for other
21 vehicles established under subsections (1) and (2) of this
22 section. For the purposes of this subsection the term "truck"
23 means a motor vehicle in excess of ten thousand (10,000) pounds,
24 gross vehicle weight.

25 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
26 and after July 1, 2001.

