

By: Representative Lott

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1087

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-85, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROHIBIT ANY PORTION OF THE LOAD ON VEHICLES HAULING SAND, DIRT,
3 GRAVEL OR ROCK FROM EXTENDING LESS THAN SIX INCHES FROM THE TOP OF
4 THE VEHICLE BED OR SIDEBOARDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 63-7-85, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 63-7-85. In lieu of the tarpaulin provided in Section
9 63-7-83, a truck, trailer or other carrier with an open top while
10 traveling upon any state, United States or interstate highway in
11 the State of Mississippi and while carrying any load of sand,
12 dirt, gravel or rock shall be in full compliance with Sections
13 63-7-83 through 63-7-89 provided that no part of the load is
14 within six (6) inches of the top of the bed or that the vehicle is
15 equipped with four (4) six-inch (6") sideboards, which sideboards
16 shall be attached one (1) each to the front, back and two (2)
17 sides of the carrier body, and shall remain lowered while the body
18 is being loaded, provided that no part of the load shall extend
19 above the body of the carrier. After loading, the sideboards
20 shall be raised and secured to remain raised during travel, and
21 the space between the top of the sideboards and the top of all
22 parts of the load * * * shall not be less than six (6) inches from
23 the top of the sideboards.

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