

By: Representatives Horne, Miles, Ward

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 67

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW SECTION TO BE CODIFIED AS SECTION
2 63-3-120, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DEFINE THE TERM "FIRE
3 FIGHTER" AS USED IN THE CHAPTER OF LAW RELATING TO TRAFFIC
4 REGULATIONS AND RULES OF THE ROAD; TO AMEND SECTIONS 63-3-203 AND
5 63-3-313, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE FIRE FIGHTERS TO
6 DIRECT, CONTROL AND REGULATE TRAFFIC AT VEHICLE ACCIDENT SCENES
7 AND TO REQUIRE MOTORISTS TO COMPLY WITH SUCH DIRECTIONS; AND FOR
8 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
11 63-3-120, Mississippi Code of 1972:

12 63-3-120. "Fire fighter" means any person who is employed as
13 a fire fighter or who serves as a fire fighter for any
14 municipality, county or fire district in the state, whether or not
15 compensation is provided for such employment or service and
16 whether or not such employment or service is on a full-time,
17 part-time or voluntary basis.

18 **SECTION 2.** Section 63-3-203, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
19 amended as follows:

20 63-3-203. (1) No person shall wilfully fail or refuse to
21 comply with any lawful order or direction of any police officer or
22 fire fighter invested by law with authority to direct, control, or
23 regulate traffic.

24 (2) A fire fighter may direct, control and regulate traffic
25 when necessary to provide for public safety at the scene of any
26 vehicle accident.

27 **SECTION 3.** Section 63-3-313, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
28 amended as follows:

29 63-3-313. No driver of a vehicle shall disobey the
30 instructions of any official traffic-control device placed in



31 accordance with the provisions of this chapter, unless at the time
32 otherwise directed by a police officer or fire fighter.

33 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
34 and after July 1, 2002.

