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To: Highways and  
Transportation

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 2030

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-516, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REVISE THE PENALTY IMPOSED FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHIN  
3 A HIGHWAY WORK ZONE IN EXCESS OF THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT  
4 SPECIFICALLY ESTABLISHED FOR THAT ZONE; TO REQUIRE THAT SIGNS BE  
5 POSTED IN HIGHWAY WORK ZONES INDICATING THAT THE FINE FOR SPEEDING  
6 IN SUCH WORK ZONES MAY BE PUNISHED BY A FINE OF DOUBLE THE MAXIMUM  
7 AMOUNT OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-3-516, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
10 amended as follows:

11 63-3-516. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to  
12 operate a motor vehicle within a highway work zone at a speed in  
13 excess of the maximum speed limit specifically established for the  
14 zone whenever workers are present and whenever the zone is  
15 indicated by appropriately placed signs displaying the reduced  
16 maximum speed limit. Any person violating the provisions of this  
17 section shall be punished, upon conviction, by a fine of not more  
18 than double the maximum amount of the fine authorized to be  
19 imposed under Section 63-9-11.

20 (2) For the purposes of this section the term "highway work  
21 zone" means a construction or maintenance area that is located on  
22 or along any public highway, road or street within this state that  
23 is marked:

24 (a) By appropriate warning signs or other traffic  
25 control devices indicating that work is in progress; and

26 (b) By signs of a design approved by the Department of  
27 Transportation indicating that any person who operates a motor  
28 vehicle within a highway work zone at a speed in excess of the



29 reduced maximum speed limit may be punished by a fine of double  
30 the maximum amount otherwise authorized by law.

31 (3) Nothing in this section shall preclude the prosecution  
32 or conviction for reckless driving of any motor vehicle operator  
33 whose operation of a motor vehicle in a highway work zone, apart  
34 from speed, demonstrates a reckless disregard for life, limb or  
35 property.

36 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
37 and after July 1, 2003.

