

By: Representatives Carlton, Buck, Evans,  
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To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1272

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-207, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REQUIRE PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS TO WEAR HELMETS WHILE  
3 RIDING BICYCLES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-3-207, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 63-3-207. (1) Every person riding a bicycle or an animal or  
8 driving any animal drawing a vehicle upon a highway shall have all  
9 of the rights and all of the duties applicable to the driver of a  
10 vehicle under this chapter, except those provisions of this  
11 chapter which by their nature can have no application.

12 (2) Every person under the age of eighteen (18) years shall  
13 be required to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle on any public  
14 roadway or municipal sidewalk. A violation of the provisions of  
15 this subsection is punishable by a fine of not less than  
16 Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than Forty Dollars (\$40.00)  
17 to be assessed against the parent or guardian of such child in  
18 violation of this subsection.

19 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
20 and after July 1, 2004.