

By: Representatives Montgomery, Nicholson

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 489

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE STREET RODS AND ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILES TO BE EQUIPPED WITH
3 REAR LAMPS THAT HAVE BEEN MODIFIED TO EMIT A BLUE, VIOLET OR
4 PURPLE LIGHT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 63-7-13. (1) **Head lamps on motor vehicles.** Every motor
9 vehicle other than a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle shall be
10 equipped with at least two (2) head lamps with at least one (1) on
11 each side of the front of the motor vehicle, which head lamps
12 shall comply with the requirements and limitations set forth in
13 Section 63-7-31.

14 (2) **Head lamps on motorcycles.** Every motorcycle shall be
15 equipped with at least one (1) and not more than two (2) head
16 lamps which shall comply with the requirements and limitations set
17 forth in Section 63-7-31.

18 (3) **Rear lamps.** Every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer,
19 pole trailer and any other vehicle which is being drawn in a train
20 of vehicles shall be equipped with at least one (1) rear lamp
21 mounted on the rear, which, when lighted, shall emit a red light
22 plainly visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the
23 rear. However, any antique automobile, as defined under Section
24 27-19-47, and any street rod, as defined under Section 27-19-56.6,
25 may be equipped with one or more rear lamps that have been
26 modified to emit a blue, violet or purple light resembling rear
27 lamps appearing on some American automobiles originally
28 manufactured in the 1940s and 1950s.

29 Either a rear lamp or a separate lamp shall be so constructed
30 and placed as to illuminate with a white light the rear
31 registration plate and render it clearly readable from a distance
32 of fifty (50) feet to the rear. Any rear lamp or tail lamps,
33 together with any separate lamp for illuminating the rear
34 registration plate, shall be so wired as to be lighted whenever
35 the head lamps, cowl lamps or fender lamps are lighted.

36 (4) **Lamps on bicycles.** Every bicycle shall be equipped with
37 a lighted white lamp on the front thereof visible under normal
38 atmospheric conditions from a distance of at least five hundred
39 (500) feet in front of such bicycle and shall also be equipped
40 with a reflex mirror reflector or lamp on the rear exhibiting a
41 red light visible under like conditions from a distance of at
42 least five hundred (500) feet to the rear of such bicycle.

43 (5) **Lights on other vehicles.** All vehicles not required in
44 this chapter to be equipped with special lighted lamps shall carry
45 one or more lights, lamps or lanterns displaying a white light,
46 visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of not
47 less than five hundred (500) feet to the front of such vehicle and
48 shall display a reflex reflector or red light visible under like
49 conditions from a distance of not less than three hundred (300)
50 feet to the rear of such vehicle.

51 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
52 and after July 1, 2006.