

By: Senator(s) Jackson (11th)

To: Highways and  
Transportation; Judiciary,  
Division A

SENATE BILL NO. 2046

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-501, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO SET THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE DESIGNATED STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM AT  
3 65 MILES PER HOUR; TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT FOR THE  
4 INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND CONTROLLED ACCESS HIGHWAYS WITH FOUR  
5 OR MORE LANES TO 75 MILES PER HOUR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-3-501, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 63-3-501. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,  
10 no person shall operate a vehicle on the highways of the state at  
11 a speed greater than sixty-five (65) miles per hour.

12 (2) The speed limit on the designated state highway system  
13 shall be sixty-five (65) miles per hour.

14 (3) The Mississippi Transportation Commission may, in its  
15 discretion, by order duly entered on its minutes, increase the  
16 speed restrictions on any portion of the Interstate Highway System  
17 provided such speed restrictions are not increased to more  
18 than \* \* \* seventy-five (75) miles per hour. The commission may



19 likewise increase the speed limit to \* \* \* seventy-five miles per  
20 hour on controlled access highways with four (4) or more lanes.

21 (4) A governmental entity that operates and maintains a toll  
22 road as authorized under Section 65-43-1, or that contracts with  
23 some person or business to operate and maintain a toll road as  
24 authorized under Section 65-43-3, may establish the maximum speed  
25 for motor vehicles operated on any such toll road; however, the  
26 maximum speed so established may not exceed eighty (80) miles per  
27 hour.

28 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
29 and after July 1, 2018.

