

## Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 1003

TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SENATE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

### AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

41        SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
42 Mississippi Fully Autonomous Vehicle Enabling (MS FAVE) Act of  
43 2023.

44        SECTION 2. As used in this act, the following terms shall  
45 have the meanings ascribed in this section, unless the context of  
46 use clearly requires otherwise:

47           (a) "Automated driving system" means the hardware and  
48 software that are collectively capable of performing the entire  
49 dynamic driving task on a sustained basis, regardless of whether  
50 it is limited to a specific operational design domain.

51           (b) "Department" means the Department of Public Safety.

52           (c) "Dynamic driving task" (DDT) means all of the  
53 real-time operational and tactical functions required to operate a  
54 vehicle in on-road traffic, excluding the strategic functions such  
55 as trip scheduling and selection of destinations and waypoints,  
56 and including without limitation:

57           (i) Lateral vehicle motion control, via steering;

58                   (ii) Longitudinal motion control, via acceleration  
59 and deceleration;

60                   (iii) Monitoring the driving environment, via  
61 object and event detection, recognition, classification and  
62 response preparation;

63                   (iv) Object and event response execution;

64                   (v) Maneuver planning; and

65                   (vi) Enhancing conspicuity via lighting, signaling  
66 and gesturing.

67           (d) "DDT fallback" means the response by the person or  
68 human driver to either perform the DDT or achieve a minimal risk  
69 condition after occurrence of a DDT performance-relevant system  
70 failure or upon operational design domain exit, or the response by  
71 an automated driving system to achieve minimal risk condition,  
72 given the same circumstances.

73           (e) "Fully autonomous vehicle" means a motor vehicle  
74 equipped with an automated driving system designed to function  
75 without a human driver as a Level 4 or Level 5 automation system  
76 under the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Standard J3016.

77           (f) "Human driver" means a natural person in the  
78 vehicle with a valid license to operate a motor vehicle who  
79 controls all or part of the dynamic driving task.

80           (g) "Law enforcement interaction plan" means a document  
81 of procedures that are developed by manufacturers, owners or  
82 operators of fully autonomous vehicles to be used by law

83 enforcement officers and first responders when interacting with  
84 fully autonomous vehicles, which describes:

85 (i) How to communicate with a fleet support  
86 specialist who is available during the times the vehicle is in  
87 operation;

88 (ii) How to recognize whether the fully autonomous  
89 vehicle is in autonomous mode;

90 (iii) How to safely remove the vehicle from the  
91 roadway and steps to safely tow the vehicle; and

92 (iv) Any additional information the manufacturer,  
93 owner or operator deems necessary regarding hazardous conditions  
94 or public safety risks associated with the operation of the fully  
95 autonomous vehicle.

96 (h) "Minimal risk condition" means a condition to which  
97 a person, human driver, or an automated driving system may bring a  
98 vehicle after performing the DDT fallback in order to reduce the  
99 risk of a crash when a given trip cannot or should not be  
100 completed.

101 (i) "On-demand autonomous vehicle network" means a  
102 transportation service network that uses a software application or  
103 other digital means to dispatch or otherwise enable the  
104 pre-arrangement of transportation with fully autonomous vehicles  
105 for purposes of transporting passengers, including for-hire  
106 transportation and transportation of passengers for compensation.

107 (j) "Operational design domain (ODD)" means the  
108 operating conditions under which a given automated driving system

109 is specifically designed to function, including, but not limited  
110 to, environmental, geographical, time-of-day restrictions, and/or  
111 the requisite presence or absence of certain traffic or roadway  
112 characteristics.

113 (k) "Person" means a natural person, corporation,  
114 business trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability  
115 company, association, joint venture, governmental agency, public  
116 corporation or any other legal or commercial entity.

117 (l) "Request to intervene" means the notification by an  
118 automated driving system to a human driver, that the human driver  
119 should promptly begin or resume performance of part or all of the  
120 dynamic driving task.

121 (m) "Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) J3016" means  
122 the "Taxonomy and Definitions for Terms Related to Driving  
123 Automation Systems for On-Road Motor Vehicles" as revised and  
124 published by SAE International in April 2021.

125 **SECTION 3.** A person may operate a fully autonomous vehicle  
126 on the public roads of this state without a human driver provided  
127 that the automated driving system is engaged and the vehicle meets  
128 the following conditions:

129 (a) If a failure of the automated driving system occurs  
130 that renders that system unable to perform the entire dynamic  
131 driving task relevant to its intended operational design domain,  
132 the fully autonomous vehicle will achieve a minimal risk  
133 condition;

134 (b) The fully autonomous vehicle is capable of  
135 operating in compliance with the applicable traffic and motor  
136 vehicle safety laws and regulations of this state when reasonable  
137 to do so, unless an exemption has been granted by the Department  
138 of Public Safety; and

139 (c) When required by federal law, the vehicle bears the  
140 required manufacturer's certification label indicating that at the  
141 time of its manufacture it has been certified to be in compliance  
142 with all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards,  
143 including reference to any exemption granted by the National  
144 Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

145 **SECTION 4.** (1) Prior to operating a fully autonomous  
146 vehicle on the public roads of this state without a human driver,  
147 a person shall submit a law enforcement interaction plan to the  
148 Department of Public Safety that describes:

149 (a) How to communicate with a fleet support specialist  
150 who is available during the times the vehicle is in operation;

151 (b) How to safely remove the fully autonomous vehicle  
152 from the roadway and steps to safely tow the vehicle;

153 (c) How to recognize whether the fully autonomous  
154 vehicle is in autonomous mode;

155 (d) Any additional information the manufacturer or  
156 owner deems necessary regarding hazardous conditions or public  
157 safety risks associated with the operation of the fully autonomous  
158 vehicle; and

159           (e) Other elements determined to be necessary by the  
160 Department of Public Safety and made publicly available on the  
161 Department of Public Safety's website by July 1, 2023.

162           (2) If a person fails to submit a law enforcement  
163 interaction plan prescribed by subsection (1) of this section, the  
164 Department of Public Safety may immediately issue a  
165 cease-and-desist letter prohibiting the operation of the person's  
166 fully autonomous vehicle on public roads of this state until the  
167 person submits the law enforcement interaction plan.

168           (3) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

169           **SECTION 5.** When an automated driving system installed on a  
170 motor vehicle is engaged the automated driving system is  
171 considered the driver or operator, for the purpose of assessing  
172 compliance with applicable traffic or motor vehicle laws and shall  
173 be deemed to satisfy electronically all physical acts required by  
174 a driver or operator of the vehicle. The automated driving system  
175 is considered to be licensed to operate the vehicle as required  
176 under Section 63-1-5.

177           **SECTION 6.** Before operating a fully autonomous vehicle on  
178 public roads in this state without a human driver, a person shall  
179 file proof of financial responsibility satisfactory to the  
180 Department of Public Safety that the fully autonomous vehicle is  
181 covered by insurance or proof of self-insurance that satisfies the  
182 requirements of Section 63-15-37, 63-15-39, 63-15-41, 63-15-43,  
183 63-15-49, 63-15-51 or 63-15-53.

184           **SECTION 7.** In the event of a crash:

185           (a) The fully autonomous vehicle shall remain on the  
186 scene of the crash when required by Article 9, Title 63, Chapter  
187 3, Mississippi Code of 1972, consistent with its capability under  
188 Section 3 of this act.

189           (b) The owner of the fully autonomous vehicle, or a  
190 person on behalf of the vehicle owner, shall report any crashes  
191 or collisions consistent with Article 9, Title 63, Chapter 3,  
192 Mississippi Code of 1972.

193           **SECTION 8.** An on-demand autonomous vehicle network shall be  
194 permitted to operate pursuant to state laws governing the  
195 operation of transportation network companies, taxis or any other  
196 ground transportation for-hire of passengers, with the exception  
197 that any provision of law that reasonably applies only to a human  
198 driver would not apply to the operation of fully autonomous  
199 vehicles with the automated driving system engaged on an on-demand  
200 autonomous vehicle network.

201           **SECTION 9.** (1) A fully autonomous vehicle shall be properly  
202 registered with the Department of Revenue in accordance with  
203 Section 63-5-39. If a fully autonomous vehicle is registered in  
204 this state, the vehicle shall be identified on the registration as  
205 a fully autonomous vehicle.

206           (2) A fully autonomous vehicle shall be properly titled in  
207 accordance with Title 63, Chapter 21, Mississippi Code of 1972.  
208 If a fully autonomous vehicle is titled in this state, the vehicle  
209 shall be identified on the title as a fully autonomous vehicle.

210           **SECTION 10.** (1) A person may operate a motor vehicle  
211 equipped with an automated driving system capable of performing  
212 the entire dynamic driving task if:

213                   (a) The automated driving system will issue a request  
214 to intervene whenever the automated driving system is not capable  
215 of performing the entire dynamic driving task with the expectation  
216 that the person will respond appropriately to the request; and

217                   (b) The automated driving system is capable of being  
218 operated in compliance with rules of the road governed by Title  
219 63, Mississippi Code of 1972, when reasonable to do so unless an  
220 exemption has been granted by the Department of Public Safety.

221           (2) Nothing in this act prohibits or restricts a human  
222 driver from operating a fully autonomous vehicle equipped with  
223 controls that allow for the human driver to control all or part of  
224 the dynamic driving task.

225           **SECTION 11.** A fully autonomous vehicle that is also a  
226 commercial motor vehicle as defined in Sections 63-1-203 and  
227 63-19-3 may operate pursuant to the provisions of Title 63,  
228 Mississippi Code of 1972, which govern the operation of commercial  
229 motor vehicles, except that any provision that by its nature  
230 reasonably applies only to a human driver does not apply to such a  
231 vehicle operating with the automated driving system engaged.

232           **SECTION 12.** A fully autonomous vehicle that is designed to  
233 be operated exclusively by the automated driving system for all  
234 trips is not subject to motor vehicle equipment and identification  
235 laws prescribed under Title 63, Chapter 7, Mississippi Code of



236 1972, or any regulations administratively promulgated therefrom  
237 that:

238 (a) Relate to or support motor vehicle operation  
239 by a human driver seated in the vehicle; and

240 (b) Are not relevant for an automated driving system.

241 **SECTION 13.** (1) Unless otherwise provided in this act, and  
242 notwithstanding any other provision of law, fully autonomous  
243 vehicles and automated driving systems are governed exclusively by  
244 this act. The Department of Public Safety, in conjunction with  
245 the Department of Revenue, with regard to DOR's specific functions  
246 related to the registration and titling of motor vehicles, shall  
247 implement and enforce the provisions of this act.

248 (2) No state agency, political subdivision, municipality or  
249 local entity may prohibit the operation of fully autonomous  
250 vehicles, automated driving systems or on-demand autonomous  
251 vehicle networks, or otherwise enact or enforce rules or  
252 ordinances that would impose taxes, fees or other requirements,  
253 including performance standards, specific to the operation of  
254 fully autonomous vehicles, automated driving systems or  
255 on-demand autonomous vehicle networks in addition to the  
256 requirements of this act.

257 **SECTION 14.** Section 63-1-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
258 brought forward as follows:

259 63-1-5. (1) (a) No person shall drive or operate a motor  
260 vehicle or an autocycle as defined in Section 63-3-103 upon the  
261 highways of the State of Mississippi without first securing an

262 operator's license to drive on the highways of the state, unless  
263 specifically exempted by Section 63-1-7.

264 (b) The types of operator's licenses are:

265 (i) Class R;

266 (ii) Class D;

267 (iii) Class A, B or C commercial license governed  
268 by Article 5 of this chapter; and

269 (iv) Interlock-restricted license as prescribed in  
270 Section 63-11-31.

271 (2) (a) Every person who makes application for an original  
272 license or a renewal license to operate any single vehicle with a  
273 gross weight rating of less than twenty-six thousand one (26,001)  
274 pounds or any vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight  
275 rating not in excess of ten thousand (10,000) pounds other than  
276 vehicles included in Class C, vehicles which require a special  
277 endorsement, or to operate a vehicle as a common carrier by motor  
278 vehicle, taxicab, passenger coach, dray, contract carrier or  
279 private commercial carrier as defined in Section 27-19-3, other  
280 than those vehicles for which a Class A, B or C license is  
281 required under Article 5 of this chapter, may, in lieu of the  
282 Class R regular driver's license, apply for and obtain a Class D  
283 driver's license. The fee for the issuance of a Class D driver's  
284 license shall be as set forth in Section 63-1-43 and the Class D  
285 license shall be valid for the term prescribed in Section 63-1-47.  
286 Except as required under Article 5 of this chapter, no driver of a  
287 pickup truck shall be required to have a Class D or a commercial

288 license regardless of the purpose for which the pickup truck is  
289 used.

290 (b) Persons operating vehicles listed in paragraph (a)  
291 of this subsection for private purposes or in emergencies need not  
292 obtain a Class D license.

293 (3) An interlock-restricted license allows a person to drive  
294 only a motor vehicle equipped with an ignition-interlock device.

295 (4) A person who violates this section is guilty of a  
296 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be punished by imprisonment  
297 for not less than two (2) days nor more than six (6) months, by a  
298 fine of not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) nor more than  
299 Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or both.

300 **SECTION 15.** Section 63-1-203, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
301 amended as follows:

302 63-1-203. As used in this article:

303 (a) "Alcohol" means any substance containing any form  
304 of alcohol including, but not limited to, ethanol, methanol,  
305 propanol and isopropanol.

306 (b) "Alcohol concentration" means the concentration of  
307 alcohol in a person's blood or breath. When expressed as a  
308 percentage it means:

309 (i) The number of grams of alcohol per one hundred  
310 (100) milliliters of blood; or

311 (ii) The number of grams of alcohol per two  
312 hundred ten (210) liters of breath.

313           (c) "Commercial driver's license" or "CDL" means a  
314 license issued by a state or other jurisdiction, in accordance  
315 with the standards contained in 49 CFR, Part 383, to an individual  
316 which authorizes the individual to operate a class of commercial  
317 motor vehicle.

318           (d) "Commercial driver's license information system" or  
319 "CDLIS" means the CDLIS established by the Federal Motor Carrier  
320 Safety Administration (FMCSA) pursuant to Section 12007, of the  
321 Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986.

322           (e) "Commercial learner's permit" means a permit issued  
323 pursuant to Section 63-1-208(5).

324           (f) "Commercial motor vehicle" or "CMV" means a motor  
325 vehicle or combination of motor vehicles used in commerce to  
326 transport passengers or property if the motor vehicle:

327               (i) Has a gross combination weight rating of  
328 eleven thousand seven hundred ninety-four (11,794) kilograms or  
329 more (twenty-six thousand one (26,001) pounds or more) inclusive  
330 of a towed unit(s) with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than  
331 four thousand five hundred thirty-six (4,536) kilograms (ten  
332 thousand (10,000) pounds);

333               (ii) Has a gross vehicle weight rating of eleven  
334 thousand seven hundred ninety-four (11,794) or more kilograms  
335 (twenty-six thousand one (26,001) pounds or more);

336               (iii) Is designed to transport sixteen (16) or  
337 more passengers, including the driver;

338 (iv) Is of any size and is used in the  
339 transportation of hazardous materials as defined in this section;  
340 or

341 (v) The term shall not include:

342 1. Authorized emergency vehicles as defined  
343 in Section 63-3-103;

344 2. Motor homes as defined in Section  
345 63-3-103; however, this exemption shall only apply to vehicles  
346 used strictly for recreational, noncommercial purposes;

347 3. Military and commercial equipment owned or  
348 operated by the United States Department of Defense, including the  
349 National Guard and Mississippi Military Department, and operated  
350 by: active duty military personnel; members of the military  
351 reserves; members of the National Guard on active duty, including  
352 personnel on full-time National Guard duty; personnel on part-time  
353 National Guard training; National Guard military technicians  
354 (civilians who are required to wear military uniforms); employees  
355 of the Mississippi Military Department; and active duty United  
356 States Coast Guard personnel. This exception is not applicable to  
357 United States Reserve technicians;

358 4. Farm vehicles, which are vehicles:

359 a. Controlled and operated by a farmer;

360 b. Used to transport either agricultural  
361 products, farm machinery, farm supplies, or both, to or from a  
362 farm;

363 c. Not used in the operations of a  
364 common or contract motor carrier; and

365 d. Used within one hundred fifty (150)  
366 miles of the farm.

367 (g) "Controlled substance" means any substance so  
368 classified under Section 102(6) of the Controlled Substances Act,  
369 21 USCS 802(6), and includes all substances listed on Schedules I  
370 through V of 21 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1308, as they  
371 may be revised from time to time, any substance so classified  
372 under Sections 41-29-113 through 41-29-121, Mississippi Code of  
373 1972, and any other substance which would impair a person's  
374 ability to operate a motor vehicle.

375 (h) "Conviction" means an unvacated adjudication of  
376 guilt, or a determination by a judge or hearing officer that a  
377 person has violated or failed to comply with the law in a court of  
378 original jurisdiction or an authorized administrative tribunal, an  
379 unvacated forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited to secure the  
380 person's appearance in court, the payment of a fine or court cost,  
381 or violation of a condition of release without bail, regardless of  
382 whether or not the penalty is rebated, suspended or probated.  
383 Conviction shall also mean a plea of guilty or nolo contendere  
384 which has been accepted by the court.

385 (i) "Disqualification" means any of the following three  
386 (3) actions:

387 (i) The suspension, revocation or cancellation of  
388 a commercial driver's license by the state or jurisdiction of  
389 issuance;

390 (ii) Any withdrawal of a person's privilege to  
391 drive a commercial motor vehicle by a state or other jurisdiction  
392 as the result of a violation of state or local law relating to  
393 motor vehicle traffic control, other than parking, vehicle weight  
394 or vehicle defect violations; or

395 (iii) A determination by the Federal Motor Carrier  
396 Safety Administration that a person is not qualified to operate a  
397 commercial motor vehicle under 49 CFR, Part 391.

398 (j) "Driver" means any person who drives, operates or  
399 is in physical control of a commercial motor vehicle on a public  
400 highway or who is required to hold a commercial driver's license.

401 (k) "Employer" means any person, including the United  
402 States, a state, the District of Columbia or a political  
403 subdivision of a state, who owns or leases a commercial motor  
404 vehicle or assigns employees to operate a commercial motor  
405 vehicle.

406 (l) "Foreign" means outside the fifty (50) United  
407 States and the District of Columbia.

408 (m) "Gross combination weight rating" or "GCWR" means  
409 the value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a  
410 combination (articulated) vehicle. In the absence of a value  
411 specified by the manufacturer, gross combination weight rating  
412 will be determined by adding the gross vehicle weight rating of

413 the power unit and the total weight of the towed unit and any load  
414 thereon.

415 (n) "Gross vehicle weight rating" or "GVWR" means the  
416 value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a  
417 single vehicle.

418 (o) "Hazardous materials" means any material that has  
419 been designated as hazardous under 49 USCS Section 5103 and is  
420 required to be placarded under subpart F of 49 CFR, Part 172 or  
421 any quantity of a material listed as a select agent or toxin in 42  
422 CFR, Part 73.

423 (p) "Imminent hazard" means the existence of a  
424 condition that presents a substantial likelihood that death,  
425 serious illness, severe personal injury, or a substantial  
426 endangerment to health, property, or the environment may occur  
427 before the reasonably foreseeable completion date of a formal  
428 proceeding begun to lessen the risk of that death, illness,  
429 injury, or endangerment.

430 (q) "Nonresident commercial driver's license" or  
431 "nonresident CDL" means a commercial driver's license issued by a  
432 state to an individual under either of the following two (2)  
433 conditions:

434 (i) To an individual domiciled in a foreign  
435 country meeting the requirements of 49 CFR, Part 383.23(b)(1); or

436 (ii) To an individual domiciled in another state  
437 meeting the requirements of 49 CFR, Part 383.23(b)(2).



438           (r) "Serious traffic violation" means conviction at any  
439 time when operating a commercial motor vehicle or at those times  
440 when operating a noncommercial motor vehicle when the conviction  
441 results in the revocation, cancellation, or suspension of the  
442 operator's license or operating privilege, of:

443                   (i) Excessive speeding, involving a single charge  
444 of any speed fifteen (15) miles per hour or more, above the posted  
445 speed limit;

446                   (ii) Reckless driving, as defined under state or  
447 local law;

448                   (iii) Improper traffic lane changes, as defined in  
449 Section 63-3-601, 63-3-603, 63-3-613 or 63-3-803;

450                   (iv) Following the vehicle ahead too closely, as  
451 defined in Section 63-3-619;

452                   (v) A violation of any state law or local  
453 ordinance relating to motor vehicle traffic control, other than a  
454 parking violation, arising in connection with an accident or  
455 collision resulting in death to any person;

456                   (vi) Operating a commercial motor vehicle without  
457 obtaining a commercial driver's license;

458                   (vii) Operating a commercial motor vehicle without  
459 a commercial driver's license in the driver's possession;

460                   (viii) Operating a commercial motor vehicle  
461 without the proper class of commercial driver's license or  
462 endorsements, or both.

463 (s) "Out-of-service order" means a declaration by an  
464 authorized enforcement officer of a federal, state, Canadian,  
465 Mexican, or local jurisdiction, that a driver, or a commercial  
466 motor vehicle, or a motor carrier operation, is out of service  
467 pursuant to 49 CFR, Part 386.72, 392.5, 395.13, 396.9 or  
468 compatible laws, or the North American Uniform Out-of-Service  
469 Criteria.

470 (t) "State of domicile" means that state where a person  
471 has a true, fixed and permanent home and principal residence and  
472 to which the person has the intention of returning whenever the  
473 person is absent.

474 (u) "Tank vehicle" means any commercial motor vehicle  
475 that is designed to transport any liquid or gaseous materials  
476 within a tank that is either permanently or temporarily attached  
477 to the vehicle or the chassis. Such vehicles include, but are not  
478 limited to, cargo tanks and portable tanks, as defined in 49 CFR,  
479 Part 171. However, they do not include portable tanks having a  
480 rated capacity under one thousand (1,000) gallons.

481 (v) "United States" means the fifty (50) states and the  
482 District of Columbia.

483 (w) "Fully autonomous vehicle" means a motor vehicle  
484 equipped with an automated driving system designed to function  
485 without a human driver as a Level 4 or Level 5 automation system  
486 under the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Standard J3016.

487 **SECTION 16.** Section 63-3-103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
488 amended as follows:

489           63-3-103. (a) "Vehicle" means every device in, upon or by  
490 which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn  
491 upon a highway, except devices used exclusively upon stationary  
492 rails or tracks.

493           (b) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle which is  
494 self-propelled and every vehicle which is propelled by electric  
495 power obtained from overhead trolley wires, but not operated upon  
496 rails. The term "motor vehicle" shall not include electric  
497 personal assistive mobility devices, personal delivery devices or  
498 electric bicycles.

499           (c) "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle having a saddle  
500 for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than  
501 three (3) wheels in contact with the ground but excluding a  
502 tractor. The term "motorcycle" includes motor scooters as defined  
503 in subsection (j) of this section. The term "motorcycle" shall  
504 not include electric bicycles or personal delivery devices.

505           (d) "Authorized emergency vehicle" means every vehicle of  
506 the fire department (fire patrol), every police vehicle, every 911  
507 Emergency Communications District vehicle, every such ambulance  
508 and special use EMS vehicle as defined in Section 41-59-3, every  
509 Mississippi Emergency Management Agency vehicle as is designated  
510 or authorized by the Executive Director of MEMA and every  
511 emergency vehicle of municipal departments or public service  
512 corporations as is designated or authorized by the commission or  
513 the chief of police of an incorporated city.

514 (e) "School bus" means every motor vehicle operated for the  
515 transportation of children to or from any school, provided same is  
516 plainly marked "School Bus" on the front and rear thereof and  
517 meets the requirements of the State Board of Education as  
518 authorized under Section 37-41-1.

519 (f) "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular type unit  
520 primarily designed as temporary living quarters for recreational,  
521 camping or travel use, which either has its own motive power or is  
522 mounted on or drawn by another vehicle and includes travel  
523 trailers, fifth-wheel trailers, camping trailers, truck campers  
524 and motor homes.

525 (g) "Motor home" means a motor vehicle that is designed and  
526 constructed primarily to provide temporary living quarters for  
527 recreational, camping or travel use.

528 (h) "Electric assistive mobility device" means a  
529 self-balancing two-tandem wheeled device, designed to transport  
530 only one (1) person, with an electric propulsion system that  
531 limits the maximum speed of the device to fifteen (15) miles per  
532 hour.

533 (i) "Autocycle" means a three-wheel motorcycle with a  
534 steering wheel, nonstraddle seating, rollover protection and seat  
535 belts.

536 (j) "Motor scooter" means a two-wheeled vehicle that has a  
537 seat for the operator, one (1) wheel that is ten (10) inches or  
538 more in diameter, a step-through chassis, a motor with a rating of  
539 two and seven-tenths (2.7) brake horsepower or less if the motor

540 is an internal combustion engine, an engine of 50cc or less and  
541 otherwise meets all safety requirements of motorcycles. The term  
542 "motor scooter" shall not include electric bicycles or personal  
543 delivery devices.

544 (k) "Platoon" means a group of individual motor vehicles  
545 traveling in a unified manner at electronically coordinated speeds  
546 at following distances that are closer than would be reasonable  
547 and prudent without such coordination.

548 (l) "Electric bicycle" means a bicycle or tricycle equipped  
549 with fully operable pedals, a saddle or seat for the rider, and an  
550 electric motor of less than seven hundred fifty (750) watts that  
551 meets the requirements of one (1) of the following three (3)  
552 classes:

553 (i) "Class 1 electric bicycle" means an electric  
554 bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when  
555 the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when  
556 the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty (20) miles per hour.

557 (ii) "Class 2 electric bicycle" means an electric  
558 bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to  
559 propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of providing  
560 assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty (20) miles  
561 per hour.

562 (iii) "Class 3 electric bicycle" means an electric  
563 bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when  
564 the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when  
565 the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty-eight (28) miles per hour.

566 (m) "Personal delivery device" means a device:  
567 (i) Solely powered by an electric motor;  
568 (ii) Intended to be operated primarily on sidewalks,  
569 crosswalks, and other pedestrian areas to transport cargo;  
570 (iii) Intended primarily to transport property on  
571 public rights-of-way, and not intended to carry passengers; and  
572 (iv) Capable of navigating with or without the active  
573 control or monitoring of a natural person.

574 (n) "Personal delivery device operator" means a person or  
575 entity that exercises physical control or monitoring over the  
576 operation of a personal delivery device, excluding a person or  
577 entity that requests or receives the services of a personal  
578 delivery device, arranges for or dispatches the requested services  
579 of a personal delivery device, or stores, charges or maintains a  
580 personal delivery device.

581 (o) "Fully autonomous vehicle" means a motor vehicle  
582 equipped with an automated driving system designed to function  
583 without a human driver as a Level 4 or Level 5 automation system  
584 under the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Standard J3016.

585 **SECTION 17.** Section 63-3-401, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
586 brought forward as follows:

587 63-3-401. (1) The driver of any vehicle involved in an  
588 accident resulting in injury to or death of any person shall  
589 immediately stop such vehicle at the scene of such accident or as  
590 close thereto as possible but shall then forthwith return to and

591 in every event shall remain at the scene of the accident until he  
592 has fulfilled the requirements of Section 63-3-405.

593 (2) Every stop under the provisions of subsection (1) of  
594 this section shall be made without obstructing traffic or  
595 endangering the life of any person more than is necessary.

596 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, if  
597 any driver of a vehicle involved in an accident that results in  
598 injury to any person willfully fails to stop or to comply with the  
599 requirements of subsection (1) of this section, then such person,  
600 upon conviction, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less  
601 than thirty (30) days nor more than one (1) year, or by fine of  
602 not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five  
603 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by both such fine and  
604 imprisonment.

605 (4) If any driver of a vehicle involved in an accident that  
606 results in the death of another or the mutilation, disfigurement,  
607 permanent disability or the destruction of the tongue, eye, lip,  
608 nose or any other limb, organ or member of another willfully fails  
609 to stop or to comply with the requirements under the provisions of  
610 subsection (1) of this section, then such person, upon conviction,  
611 shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment  
612 for not less than five (5) nor more than twenty (20) years, or by  
613 fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) nor more  
614 than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or by both such fine and  
615 imprisonment.

616 (5) The commissioner shall revoke the driver's license of  
617 any person convicted under this section.

618 **SECTION 18.** Section 63-3-405, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
619 brought forward as follows:

620 63-3-405. The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident  
621 resulting in injury to or death of any person or damage to any  
622 vehicle which is driven or attended by any person shall give his  
623 name, address and the registration number of the vehicle he is  
624 driving and shall, upon request and if available, exhibit his  
625 operator's or chauffeur's license to the person struck or the  
626 driver or occupant of or person attending any vehicle collided  
627 with. Said driver shall render to any person injured in such  
628 accident reasonable assistance, including the carrying, or the  
629 making of arrangements for the carrying, of such person to a  
630 physician, surgeon or hospital for medical or surgical treatment  
631 if it is apparent that such treatment is necessary or if such  
632 carrying is requested by the injured person. No such driver who,  
633 in good faith and in the exercise of reasonable care, renders  
634 emergency care to any injured person at the scene of an accident  
635 or in transporting said injured person to a point where medical  
636 assistance can be reasonably expected, shall be liable for any  
637 civil damages to said injured person as a result of any acts  
638 committed in good faith and in the exercise of reasonable care or  
639 omission in good faith and in the exercise of reasonable care by  
640 such driver in rendering the emergency care to said injured  
641 person.



642           **SECTION 19.** Section 63-3-411, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
643 brought forward as follows:

644           63-3-411. (1) The driver of a vehicle involved in an  
645 accident resulting in injury to or death of any person or total  
646 property damage to an apparent extent of Five Hundred Dollars  
647 (\$500.00) or more shall immediately, by the quickest means of  
648 communication, give notice of the collision to the local police  
649 department if the collision occurs within an incorporated  
650 municipality, or if the collision occurs outside of an  
651 incorporated municipality to the nearest sheriff's office or  
652 highway patrol station.

653           (2) The department may require any driver of a vehicle  
654 involved in an accident, of which report must be made as provided  
655 in this section, to file supplemental reports whenever the  
656 original report is insufficient in the opinion of the department.  
657 Additionally, the department may require witnesses of accidents to  
658 render reports to the department.

659           (3) It shall be the duty of the highway patrol or the  
660 sheriff's office to investigate all accidents required to be  
661 reported by this section when the accident occurs outside the  
662 corporate limits of a municipality, and it shall be the duty of  
663 the police department of each municipality to investigate all  
664 accidents required to be reported by this section when the  
665 accidents occur within the corporate limits of the municipality.

666           Every law enforcement officer who investigates an accident as  
667 required by this subsection, whether the investigation is made at

668 the scene of the accident or by subsequent investigation and  
669 interviews, shall forward within six (6) days after completing the  
670 investigation a written report of the accident to the department  
671 if the accident occurred outside the corporate limits of a  
672 municipality, or to the police department of the municipality if  
673 the accident occurred within the corporate limits of such  
674 municipality. Police departments shall forward such reports to  
675 the department within six (6) days of the date of the accident.

676 (4) Whenever an engineer of a railroad locomotive, or other  
677 person in charge of a train, is required to show proof of his  
678 identity under the provisions of this article, in connection with  
679 operation of such locomotive, to any law enforcement officer, such  
680 person shall not be required to display his operator's or  
681 chauffeur's license but shall display his railroad employee  
682 number.

683 (5) In addition to the information required on the  
684 "statewide uniform traffic accident report" forms provided by  
685 Section 63-3-415, the department shall require the parties  
686 involved in an accident and the witnesses of such accident to  
687 furnish their phone numbers in order to assist the investigation  
688 by law enforcement officers.

689 **SECTION 20.** Section 63-3-413, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
690 brought forward as follows:

691 63-3-413. Whenever the driver of a vehicle is physically  
692 incapable of making a required accident report and there was  
693 another occupant in the vehicle at the time of the accident

694 capable of making a report, such occupant shall make or cause to  
695 be made said report.

696         **SECTION 21.** Section 63-3-619, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
697 brought forward as follows:

698             63-3-619. (1) The driver of a motor vehicle shall not  
699 follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and  
700 prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicles and the  
701 traffic upon and the condition of the highway.

702             (2) The driver of any motor truck or motor truck drawing  
703 another vehicle when traveling upon a roadway outside of a  
704 business or residence district shall not follow within three  
705 hundred (300) feet of another motor truck or motor truck drawing  
706 another vehicle. The provisions of this subsection shall not be  
707 construed to prevent overtaking and passing nor shall the same  
708 apply upon any lane specially designated for use by motor trucks.

709             (3) (a) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (b) of this  
710 subsection, subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall not  
711 apply to the operator of a nonlead vehicle in a platoon, as  
712 defined in Section 63-3-103(k), as long as the platoon is  
713 operating on a limited access divided highway with more than one  
714 (1) lane in each direction and the platoon consists of not more  
715 than two (2) motor vehicles.

716             (b) A platoon may be operated in this state only after  
717 an operator files a plan for approval of general platoon  
718 operations with the Department of Transportation. If that  
719 department approves the submission, it shall forward the plan to

720 the Department of Public Safety for approval. The plan shall be  
721 reviewed and either approved or disapproved by the Department of  
722 Transportation and the Department of Public Safety within thirty  
723 (30) days after it is filed. If approved by both departments, the  
724 operator shall be allowed to operate the platoon five (5) working  
725 days after plan approval. The Motor Carrier Division of the  
726 Department of Public Safety shall develop the acceptable standards  
727 required for each portion of the plan.

728         **SECTION 22.** Section 63-5-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
729 brought forward as follows:

730         63-5-53. (1) Any person driving any vehicle, object, or  
731 contrivance upon any highway or highway structure shall be liable  
732 for all damage which said highway or structure may sustain as a  
733 result of any illegal operation, driving, or moving of such  
734 vehicle, object, or contrivance, or as a result of operation,  
735 driving, or moving any vehicle, object or contrivance weighing in  
736 excess of the maximum weight in this chapter but authorized by a  
737 special permit issued as provided in this chapter.

738         (2) Whenever such driver is not the owner of such vehicle,  
739 object or contrivance, but is so operating, driving, or moving the  
740 same with the express or implied permission of said owner, then  
741 said owner and driver shall be jointly and severally liable for  
742 any such damage.

743         (3) Such damage may be recovered in a civil action brought  
744 by the authorities in control of such highway or highway  
745 structure.

746           **SECTION 23.** Section 63-7-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
747 brought forward as follows:

748           63-7-9. Except as may otherwise be provided in this chapter,  
749 the provisions of this chapter with respect to equipment on  
750 vehicles shall not apply to implements of husbandry, road  
751 machinery, road rollers, or farm tractors.

752           **SECTION 24.** Section 63-15-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
753 brought forward as follows:

754           63-15-37. Proof of financial responsibility when required  
755 under this chapter with respect to a motor vehicle or with respect  
756 to a person who is not the owner of a motor vehicle may be given  
757 by filing:

758           1. A certificate of insurance as provided in Section  
759 63-15-39 or Section 63-15-41; or

760           2. A bond as provided in Section 63-15-49; or

761           3. A certificate of deposit of money or securities as  
762 provided in Section 63-15-51; or

763           4. A certificate of self-insurance as provided in  
764 section 63-15-53, supplemented by an agreement by the self-insurer  
765 that, with respect to accidents occurring while the certificate is  
766 in force, he will pay the same judgments and in the same amounts  
767 that an insurer would have been obligated to pay under an owner's  
768 motor vehicle liability policy if it had issued such a policy to  
769 said self-insurer.

770           **SECTION 25.** Section 63-15-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
771 brought forward as follows:

772           63-15-39. Proof of financial responsibility may be furnished  
773 by filing with the department the written certificate of any  
774 insurance company duly authorized to write motor vehicle liability  
775 insurance in this state certifying that there is in effect a motor  
776 vehicle liability policy for the benefit of the person required to  
777 furnish proof of financial responsibility. Such certificate shall  
778 give the effective date of such motor vehicle liability policy,  
779 which date shall be the same as the effective date of the  
780 certificate, and shall designate by explicit description or by  
781 appropriate reference all motor vehicles covered thereby, unless  
782 the policy is issued to a person who is not the owner of a motor  
783 vehicle.

784           **SECTION 26.** Section 63-15-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
785 brought forward as follows:

786           63-15-41. (1) The nonresident owner of a motor vehicle, the  
787 owner or operator of which is not licensed in this state, may give  
788 proof of financial responsibility by filing with the department a  
789 written certificate or certificates of an insurance company  
790 authorized to transact business in the state in which the motor  
791 vehicle or motor vehicles described in such certificate or  
792 certificates are registered, or if such nonresident does not own a  
793 motor vehicle, then in the state in which the insured resides,  
794 provided such certificate otherwise conforms to the provisions of  
795 this chapter. The department shall accept the same upon condition  
796 that said insurance company complies with the following provisions  
797 with respect to the policies so certified:

798           (a) Said insurance company shall execute a power of  
799 attorney authorizing the department to accept service on its  
800 behalf of notice or process in any action arising out of a motor  
801 vehicle accident in this state;

802           (b) Said insurance company shall agree in writing that  
803 such policies shall be deemed to conform with the laws of this  
804 state relating to the terms of motor vehicle liability policies  
805 issued herein.

806           (2) If any insurance company not authorized to transact  
807 business in this state, which has qualified to furnish proof of  
808 financial responsibility, defaults in any said undertakings or  
809 agreements, the department shall not thereafter accept as proof  
810 any certificate of said company whether theretofore filed or  
811 thereafter tendered as proof, so long as such default continues.

812           **SECTION 27.** Section 63-15-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
813 brought forward as follows:

814           63-15-43. (1) A "motor vehicle liability policy" as said  
815 term is used in this chapter shall mean an owner's or an  
816 operator's motor vehicle liability policy, that has been certified  
817 as provided in Section 63-15-39 or Section 63-15-41, as proof of  
818 financial responsibility, and issued, except as otherwise provided  
819 in Section 63-15-41, by an insurance company duly authorized to  
820 write motor vehicle liability insurance in this state, to or for  
821 the benefit of the person named therein as insured.

822           (2) Such owner's motor vehicle liability policy:

823           (a) May be any motor vehicle liability policy form that  
824 has been filed with and approved by the Commissioner of Insurance  
825 and may contain exclusions and limitations on coverage as long as  
826 the exclusions and limitations language has been filed with and  
827 approved by the Commissioner of Insurance.

828           (b) Shall have limits of liability no less than:  
829 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) because of bodily injury  
830 to or death of one (1) person in any one (1) accident and, subject  
831 to said limit for one (1) person, Fifty Thousand Dollars  
832 (\$50,000.00) because of bodily injury to or death of two (2) or  
833 more persons in any one (1) accident, and Twenty-five Thousand  
834 Dollars (\$25,000.00) because of injury to or destruction of  
835 property of others in any one (1) accident.

836           (3) Every motor vehicle liability policy certified under the  
837 provisions of this chapter shall be subject to the following  
838 provisions which need not be contained therein:

839           (a) The liability of the insurance company with respect  
840 to the insurance required by this chapter shall become absolute  
841 whenever injury or damage covered by said motor vehicle liability  
842 policy occurs; said policy may not be cancelled or annulled as to  
843 such liability by any agreement between the insurance company and  
844 the insured after the occurrence of the injury or damage; no  
845 statement made by the insured or on his behalf and no violation of  
846 said policy shall defeat or void said policy;

847           (b) The satisfaction by the insured of a judgment for  
848 such injury or damage shall not be a condition precedent to the



849 right or duty of the insurance company to make payment on account  
850 of such injury or damage;

851 (c) The insurance company shall have the right to  
852 settle any claim covered by the policy, and if such settlement is  
853 made in good faith, the amount thereof shall be deductible from  
854 the limits of liability specified in paragraph (b) of subsection  
855 (2) of this section; or

856 (d) The policy, the written application therefor, if  
857 any, and any rider or endorsement which does not conflict with the  
858 provisions of the chapter shall constitute the entire contract  
859 between the parties.

860 (4) Any policy which grants the coverage required for a  
861 motor vehicle liability policy may also grant any lawful coverage  
862 in excess of or in addition to the coverage specified for a motor  
863 vehicle liability policy, and such excess or additional coverage  
864 shall not be subject to the provisions of this chapter. With  
865 respect to a policy which grants such excess or additional  
866 coverage, the term "motor vehicle liability policy" shall apply  
867 only to that part of the coverage which is required by this  
868 section.

869 (5) Any motor vehicle liability policy may provide that the  
870 insured shall reimburse the insurance company for any payment the  
871 insurance company would not have been obligated to make under the  
872 terms of the policy except for the provisions of this chapter.

873 (6) Any motor vehicle liability policy may provide for the  
874 prorating of the insurance thereunder with other valid and  
875 collectible insurance.

876 (7) The requirements for a motor vehicle liability policy  
877 may be fulfilled by the policies of one or more insurance  
878 companies which policies together meet such requirements.

879 (8) Any binder issued pending the issuance of a motor  
880 vehicle liability policy shall be deemed to fulfill the  
881 requirements for such a policy.

882 **SECTION 28.** Section 63-15-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
883 amended as follows:

884 63-15-49. (1) Proof of financial responsibility may be  
885 furnished by filing a bond with the department, accompanied by the  
886 statutory recording fee of the chancery clerk to cover the cost of  
887 recordation of the notice provided for herein. The bond may be  
888 either a surety bond with a surety company authorized to do  
889 business within the state or a bond with at least two (2)  
890 individual sureties each owning real estate within the state not  
891 exempt under the constitution or laws of the State of Mississippi  
892 and together having equities equal in value to at least twice the  
893 amount of such bond. In cases of a bond with two (2) individual  
894 sureties, such real estate shall be scheduled and a description  
895 thereof shall appear in the bond approved by the clerk of the  
896 chancery court of the county or counties in which the real estate  
897 is located and also approved by the tax collector of the county or  
898 counties where the property is situated as being free from any

899 delinquent tax liens. Such bond shall be conditioned for payments  
900 in amounts and under the same circumstances as would be required  
901 in a motor vehicle liability policy, and shall not be cancellable  
902 except after five (5) days' written notice is received by the  
903 department. However, cancellation shall not prevent recovery with  
904 respect to any right or cause of action arising prior to the date  
905 of cancellation. Such bond shall constitute a lien in favor of  
906 the state upon the real estate so scheduled of any surety, which  
907 lien shall exist in favor of any holder of a final judgment  
908 against the person who has filed such bond. Notice to that  
909 effect, which shall include a description of the real estate  
910 scheduled in the bond, shall be filed by the department in the  
911 office of the chancery clerk of the county where such real estate  
912 is situated. Such notice shall be accompanied by the statutory  
913 fee for the services of the chancery clerk in connection with the  
914 recordation of such notice, and the chancery clerk or his deputy,  
915 upon receipt of such notice, shall acknowledge and cause the same  
916 to be recorded in the lien records. Recordation shall constitute  
917 notice as provided by the statutes governing the recordation of  
918 liens on real estate.

919 (2) If a judgment rendered against the principal on such  
920 surety or real estate bond shall not be satisfied within sixty  
921 (60) days after it has become final, the judgment creditor may,  
922 for his own use and benefit and at his sole expense, bring an  
923 action or actions in the name of the state against the persons who  
924 executed such bond, including an action or proceeding to foreclose

925 any lien that may exist upon the real estate of a person who has  
926 executed such real estate bond, which foreclosure action shall be  
927 brought in like manner and subject to all the provisions of law  
928 applicable to an action to foreclose a mortgage on real estate.

929 **SECTION 29.** Section 63-15-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
930 amended as follows:

931 63-15-51. (1) Proof of financial responsibility may be  
932 evidenced by the certificate of the State Treasurer that the  
933 person named therein has deposited with him Fifteen Thousand  
934 Dollars (\$15,000.00) in cash, or securities \* \* \* as may legally  
935 be purchased by savings banks or for trust funds of a market value  
936 of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). The State Treasurer  
937 shall not accept any such deposit and issue a certificate therefor  
938 and the department shall not accept such certificate unless  
939 accompanied by evidence that there are no unsatisfied judgments of  
940 any character against the depositor in the county where the  
941 depositor resides.

942 (2) Such deposit shall be held by the State Treasurer to  
943 satisfy, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, any  
944 execution on a judgment issued against \* \* \* the person making the  
945 deposit, for damages, including damages for care and loss of  
946 services, because of bodily injury to or death of any person, or  
947 for damages because of injury to or destruction of property,  
948 including the loss of use thereof, resulting from the ownership,  
949 maintenance, use or operation of a motor vehicle after \* \* \* the  
950 deposit was made. Money or securities so deposited shall not be

951 subject to attachment or execution unless \* \* \* the attachment or  
952 execution shall arise out of a suit for damages as aforesaid.

953 **SECTION 30.** Section 63-15-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
954 amended as follows:

955 63-15-53. (1) Any person in whose name more than  
956 twenty-five (25) motor vehicles are licensed may qualify as a  
957 self-insurer by obtaining a certificate of self-insurance issued  
958 by the department as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

959 (2) The department may, in its discretion, upon the  
960 application of a person, issue a certificate of self-insurance  
961 when it is satisfied that such person is possessed and will  
962 continue to be possessed of ability to pay judgments obtained  
963 against such person.

964 (3) Upon not less than five (5) days notice and a hearing  
965 pursuant to such notice, the department may upon reasonable  
966 grounds cancel a certificate of self-insurance. Failure to pay  
967 any judgment within thirty (30) days after such judgment shall  
968 have become final shall constitute a reasonable ground for the  
969 cancellation of a certificate of self-insurance.

970 **SECTION 31.** Section 63-19-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
971 brought forward as follows:

972 63-19-3. The following words and phrases, when used in this  
973 chapter, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in  
974 this section, except where the context or subject matter otherwise  
975 requires:

976           (a) "Motor vehicle" means any self-propelled or motored  
977 device designed to be used or used primarily for the  
978 transportation of passengers or property, or both, and having a  
979 gross vehicular weight rating of less than fifteen thousand  
980 (15,000) pounds, but shall not include electric personal assistive  
981 mobility devices, personal delivery devices or electric bicycles  
982 as defined in Section 63-3-103.

983           (b) "Commercial vehicle" means any self-propelled or  
984 motored device designed to be used or used primarily for the  
985 transportation of passengers or property, or both, and having a  
986 gross vehicular weight rating of fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds  
987 or more; however, wherever "motor vehicle" appears in this  
988 chapter, except in Section 63-19-43, the same shall be construed  
989 to include commercial vehicles where such construction is  
990 necessary in order to give effect to this chapter.

991           (c) "Retail buyer" or "buyer" means a person who buys a  
992 motor vehicle or commercial vehicle from a retail seller, not for  
993 the purpose of resale, and who executes a retail installment  
994 contract in connection therewith.

995           (d) "Retail seller" or "seller" means a person who  
996 sells a motor vehicle or commercial vehicle to a retail buyer  
997 under or subject to a retail installment contract.

998           (e) The "holder" of a retail installment contract means  
999 the retail seller of the motor vehicle or commercial vehicle under  
1000 or subject to the contract or if the contract is purchased by a

1001 sales finance company or other assignee, the sales finance company  
1002 or other assignee.

1003 (f) "Retail installment transaction" means any  
1004 transaction evidenced by a retail installment contract entered  
1005 into between a retail buyer and a retail seller wherein the retail  
1006 buyer buys a motor vehicle or commercial vehicle from the retail  
1007 seller at a time price payable in one or more deferred  
1008 installments. The cash sale price of the motor vehicle or  
1009 commercial vehicle, the amount included for insurance and other  
1010 benefits if a separate charge is made therefor, official fees and  
1011 the finance charge shall together constitute the time price.

1012 (g) "Retail installment contract" or "contract" means  
1013 an agreement entered into in this state pursuant to which the  
1014 title to or a lien upon the motor vehicle or commercial vehicle  
1015 which is the subject matter of a retail installment transaction is  
1016 retained or taken by a retail seller from a retail buyer as  
1017 security for the buyer's obligation. The term includes a chattel  
1018 mortgage, a conditional sales contract and a contract for the  
1019 bailment or leasing of a motor vehicle or commercial vehicle by  
1020 which the bailee or lessee contracts to pay as compensation for  
1021 its use a sum substantially equivalent to or in excess of its  
1022 value and by which it is agreed that the bailee or lessee is bound  
1023 to become, or has the option of becoming, the owner of the motor  
1024 vehicle upon full compliance with the provisions of the contract.

1025 (h) "Cash sale price" means the price stated in a  
1026 retail installment contract for which the seller would have sold

1027 to the buyer, and the buyer would have bought from the seller, the  
1028 motor vehicle or commercial vehicle which is the subject matter of  
1029 the retail installment contract, if such sale had been a sale for  
1030 cash instead of a retail installment transaction. The cash sale  
1031 price may include any taxes, registration, certificate of title,  
1032 if any, license and other fees and charges for accessories and  
1033 their installation and for delivery, servicing, repairing or  
1034 improving the motor vehicle or commercial vehicle.

1035 (i) "Official fees" means the fees prescribed by law  
1036 for filing, recording or otherwise perfecting and releasing or  
1037 satisfying a retained title or a lien created by a retail  
1038 installment contract, if recorded.

1039 (j) "Finance charge" means the amount agreed upon  
1040 between the buyer and the seller, as limited in this chapter, to  
1041 be added to the aggregate of the cash sale price, the amount, if  
1042 any, included for insurance and other benefits and official fees,  
1043 in determining the time price.

1044 (k) "Sales finance company" means a person engaged, in  
1045 whole or in part, in the business of purchasing retail installment  
1046 contracts from one or more retail sellers. The term includes, but  
1047 is not limited to, a bank, trust company, private banker,  
1048 industrial bank or investment company, if so engaged. The term  
1049 also includes a retail seller engaged, in whole or in part, in the  
1050 business of creating and holding retail installment contracts  
1051 which exceed a total aggregate outstanding indebtedness of Five  
1052 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). The term does not include



1053 the pledgee to whom is pledged one or more of such contracts to  
1054 secure a bona fide loan thereon.

1055 (l) "Person" means an individual, partnership,  
1056 corporation, association and any other group however organized.

1057 (m) "Administrator" means the Commissioner of Banking  
1058 and Consumer Finance or his duly authorized representative.

1059 (n) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Banking  
1060 and Consumer Finance.

1061 (o) "Records" or "documents" means any item in hard  
1062 copy or produced in a format of storage commonly described as  
1063 electronic, imaged, magnetic, microphotographic or otherwise, and  
1064 any reproduction so made shall have the same force and effect as  
1065 the original thereof and be admitted in evidence equally with the  
1066 original.

1067 Words in the singular include the plural and vice versa.

1068 **SECTION 32.** Section 63-21-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1069 amended as follows:

1070 63-21-3. The terms and provisions of this chapter shall be  
1071 administered by the Department of Revenue. The Department of  
1072 Revenue shall have charge of all the affairs of administering the  
1073 laws of the state relative to vehicle registration and titling,  
1074 including fully autonomous vehicles, and manufactured housing  
1075 titling as hereinafter provided and may employ such administrative  
1076 and clerical assistance, material and equipment as may be  
1077 necessary to enable it to speedily, completely and efficiently  
1078 perform the duties as outlined in this chapter.

1079           **SECTION 33.** Section 63-21-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1080 amended as follows:

1081           63-21-9. (1) Except as provided in Section 63-21-11, every  
1082 owner of a motor vehicle as defined in this chapter, which is in  
1083 this state and which is manufactured or assembled after July 1,  
1084 1969, or which is the subject of first sale for use after July 1,  
1085 1969, \* \* \* every owner of a manufactured home as defined in this  
1086 chapter, which is in this state and which is manufactured or  
1087 assembled after July 1, 1999, or which is the subject of first  
1088 sale for use after July 1, 1999, and every owner of a fully  
1089 autonomous vehicle as defined in Section 3 of this act, which is  
1090 in this state and which is manufactured or assembled after July 1,  
1091 2023, or which is the subject of first sale for use after July 1,  
1092 2023, shall make application to the \* \* \* Department of Revenue  
1093 for a certificate of title with the following exceptions:

1094           (a) Voluntary application for title may be made for any  
1095 model motor vehicle which is in this state after July 1,  
1096 1969, \* \* \* for any model manufactured home or mobile home which  
1097 is in this state after July 1, 1999, and for any model fully  
1098 autonomous vehicles which is in this state after July 1, 2023, and  
1099 any person bringing a motor vehicle, manufactured home \* \* \*,  
1100 mobile home or fully autonomous vehicle into this state from a  
1101 state which requires titling shall make application for title to  
1102 the \* \* \* Department of Revenue within thirty (30) days  
1103 thereafter.

1104 (b) After July 1, 1969, any dealer, acting for himself,  
1105 or another, who sells, trades or otherwise transfers any new or  
1106 used vehicle as defined in this chapter, \* \* \* after July 1, 1999,  
1107 any dealer, acting for himself, or another, who sells, trades or  
1108 otherwise transfers any new or used manufactured home or mobile  
1109 home as defined in this chapter, and after July 1, 2023, any  
1110 dealer, acting for himself, or another, who sells, trades or  
1111 otherwise transfers any new or used fully autonomous vehicle as  
1112 defined in Section 3 of this act, or any designated agent, shall  
1113 furnish to the purchaser or transferee, without charge for either  
1114 application or certificate of title, an application for title of  
1115 said vehicle, manufactured home \* \* \*, mobile home or fully  
1116 autonomous vehicle and cause to be forwarded to the \* \* \*  
1117 Department of Revenue any and all documents required by the \* \* \*  
1118 department to issue certificate of title to the purchaser or  
1119 transferee. The purchaser or transferee may then use the  
1120 duplicate application for title as a permit to operate vehicle as  
1121 provided in Section 63-21-67, until certificate of title is  
1122 received.

1123 (2) (a) Voluntary application for title may be made for any  
1124 model all-terrain vehicle which is in this state.

1125 (b) A dealer who sells, trades or otherwise transfers  
1126 any new or used all-terrain vehicles as defined in this chapter,  
1127 may furnish to the purchaser or transferee, without charge for  
1128 either application or certificate of title, an application for  
1129 title of said vehicle, and cause to be forwarded to the State Tax

1130 Commission any and all documents required by the commission to  
1131 issue certificate of title to the purchaser or transferee.

1132 (3) Any dealer, acting for himself or another who sells,  
1133 trades or otherwise transfers any vehicle, manufactured  
1134 home \* \* \*, mobile home or fully autonomous vehicle required to be  
1135 titled under this chapter who does not comply with the provisions  
1136 of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon  
1137 conviction shall be fined a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars  
1138 (\$500.00).

1139 **SECTION 34.** Section 63-21-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1140 brought forward as follows:

1141 63-21-11. (1) No certificate of title need be obtained for:

1142 (a) A vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home owned  
1143 by the United States or any agency thereof;

1144 (b) A vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home owned  
1145 by a manufacturer or dealer and held for sale, even though  
1146 incidentally moved on the highway or used for purposes of testing  
1147 or demonstration, or a vehicle used by a manufacturer solely for  
1148 testing;

1149 (c) A vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home owned  
1150 by a nonresident of this state and not required by law to be  
1151 registered in this state;

1152 (d) A vehicle regularly engaged in the interstate  
1153 transportation of persons or property for which a currently  
1154 effective certificate of title has been issued in another state;

1155 (e) A vehicle moved solely by animal power;

1156 (f) An implement of husbandry;  
1157 (g) Special mobile equipment;  
1158 (h) A pole trailer;  
1159 (i) Utility trailers of less than five thousand (5,000)  
1160 pounds gross vehicle weight;  
1161 (j) A manufactured home with respect to which the  
1162 requirements of subsections (1) through (5) of Section 63-21-30,  
1163 as applicable, have been satisfied unless with respect to the same  
1164 manufactured home or mobile home there has been recorded an  
1165 affidavit of severance pursuant to subsection (6) of Section  
1166 63-21-30.

1167 (2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the issuance of a  
1168 certificate of title to the nonresident owner of an all-terrain  
1169 vehicle that is purchased in this state.

1170 **SECTION 35.** Section 63-21-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1171 brought forward as follows:

1172 63-21-15. (1) The application for the certificate of title  
1173 of a vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home in this state shall  
1174 be made by the owner to a designated agent, on the form the  
1175 Department of Revenue prescribes, and shall contain or be  
1176 accompanied by the following, if applicable:

1177 (a) The name, driver's license number, if the owner has  
1178 been issued a driver's license, current residence and mailing  
1179 address of the owner;

1180 (b) (i) If a vehicle, a description of the vehicle,  
1181 including the following data: year, make, model, vehicle

1182 identification number, type of body, the number of cylinders,  
1183 odometer reading at the time of application, and whether new or  
1184 used; and

1185 (ii) If a manufactured home or mobile home, a  
1186 description of the manufactured home or mobile home, including the  
1187 following data: year, make, model number, serial number and  
1188 whether new or used;

1189 (c) The date of purchase by applicant, the name and  
1190 address of the person from whom the vehicle, manufactured home or  
1191 mobile home was acquired, and the names and addresses of any  
1192 lienholders in the order of their priority and the dates of their  
1193 security agreements;

1194 (d) In connection with the transfer of ownership of a  
1195 manufactured home or mobile home sold by a sheriff's bill of sale,  
1196 a copy of the sheriff's bill of sale;

1197 (e) (i) An odometer disclosure statement made by the  
1198 transferor of a motor vehicle. The statement shall read:

1199 "Federal and state law requires that you state the mileage in  
1200 connection with the transfer of ownership. Failure to complete or  
1201 providing a false statement may result in fine and/or  
1202 imprisonment.

1203 I state that the odometer now reads \_\_\_\_\_ (no tenths)  
1204 miles and to the best of my knowledge that it reflects the actual  
1205 mileage of the vehicle described herein, unless one (1) of the  
1206 following statements is checked:

1207 \_\_\_\_\_ (1) I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge  
1208 the odometer reading reflects the amount of mileage in excess of  
1209 its mechanical limits.

1210 \_\_\_\_\_ (2) I hereby certify that the odometer reading is not  
1211 the actual mileage. WARNING-ODOMETER DISCREPANCY!"

1212 (ii) In connection with the transfer of ownership  
1213 of a motor vehicle, each transferor shall disclose the mileage to  
1214 the transferee in writing on the title or on the document being  
1215 used to reassign the title, which form shall be prescribed and  
1216 furnished by the Department of Revenue. This written disclosure  
1217 must be signed by the transferor and transferee, including the  
1218 printed name of both parties.

1219 Notwithstanding the requirements above, the following  
1220 exemptions as to odometer disclosure shall be in effect:

1221 1. A vehicle having a gross vehicle weight  
1222 rating of more than sixteen thousand (16,000) pounds.

1223 2. A vehicle that is not self-propelled.

1224 3. A vehicle that is twenty (20) years old or  
1225 older.

1226 4. A vehicle sold directly by the  
1227 manufacturer to any agency of the United States in conformity with  
1228 contractual specifications.

1229 5. A transferor of a new vehicle prior to its  
1230 first transfer for purposes other than resale need not disclose  
1231 the vehicle's odometer mileage.

1232 (iii) Any person who knowingly gives a false  
1233 statement concerning the odometer reading on an odometer  
1234 disclosure statement shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon  
1235 conviction, shall be subject to a fine of up to One Thousand  
1236 Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment of up to one (1) year, or  
1237 both, at the discretion of the court. These penalties shall be  
1238 cumulative, supplemental and in addition to the penalties provided  
1239 by any other law; and

1240 (f) For previously used manufactured homes and mobile  
1241 homes that previously have not been titled in this state or any  
1242 other state, a disclosure statement shall be made by the owner of  
1243 the manufactured home or mobile home applying for the certificate  
1244 of title. That statement shall read:

1245 "I state that the previously used manufactured home or mobile  
1246 home owned by me for which I am applying for a certificate of  
1247 title, to the best of my knowledge:

1248 \_\_\_\_\_ (1) Has never been declared a total loss due to  
1249 flood damage, fire damage, wind damage or other damage; or

1250 \_\_\_\_\_ (2) Has previously been declared a total loss due  
1251 to:

1252 \_\_\_\_\_ (a) Collision;

1253 \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Flood;

1254 \_\_\_\_\_ (c) Fire;

1255 \_\_\_\_\_ (d) Wind;

1256 \_\_\_\_\_ (e) Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

1257 \_\_\_\_\_."



1258           (2) The application shall be accompanied by such evidence as  
1259 the Department of Revenue reasonably requires to identify the  
1260 vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home and to enable the  
1261 Department of Revenue to determine whether the owner is entitled  
1262 to a certificate of title and the existence or nonexistence of  
1263 security interests in the vehicle, manufactured home or mobile  
1264 home and whether the applicant is liable for a use tax as provided  
1265 by Sections 27-67-1 through 27-67-33.

1266           (3) If the application is for a vehicle, manufactured home  
1267 or mobile home purchased from a dealer, it shall contain the name  
1268 and address of any lienholder holding a security interest created  
1269 or reserved at the time of the sale and the date of his security  
1270 agreement and it shall be signed by the dealer as well as the  
1271 owner. The designated agent shall promptly mail or deliver the  
1272 application to the Department of Revenue.

1273           (4) If the application is for a new vehicle, manufactured  
1274 home or mobile home, it shall contain the certified manufacturer's  
1275 statement of origin showing proper assignments to the applicant  
1276 and a copy of each security interest document.

1277           (5) Each application shall contain or be accompanied by the  
1278 certificate of a designated agent that the vehicle, manufactured  
1279 home or mobile home has been physically inspected by him and that  
1280 the vehicle identification number and descriptive data shown on  
1281 the application, pursuant to the requirements of subsection (1)(b)  
1282 of this section, are correct, and also that he has identified the  
1283 person signing the application and witnessed the signature. If

1284 the application is to receive a branded title for a vehicle for  
1285 which a salvage certificate of title has been issued, the  
1286 application shall be accompanied by a sworn affidavit that the  
1287 vehicle complies with the requirements of this section, Section  
1288 63-21-39 and the regulations promulgated by the Department of  
1289 Revenue under Section 63-21-39.

1290 (6) (a) If the application is for a first certificate of  
1291 title on a vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home other than a  
1292 new vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home, then the  
1293 application shall conform with the requirements of this section  
1294 except that in lieu of the manufacturer's statement of origin, the  
1295 application shall be accompanied by a copy of the bill of sale of  
1296 said motor vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home whereby the  
1297 applicant claims title or in lieu thereof, in the case of a motor  
1298 vehicle, certified copies of the last two (2) years' tag and tax  
1299 receipts or in lieu thereof, in any case, such other information  
1300 the Department of Revenue may reasonably require to identify the  
1301 vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home and to enable the  
1302 Department of Revenue to determine ownership of the vehicle,  
1303 manufactured home or mobile home and the existence or nonexistence  
1304 of security interest in it. If the application is for a vehicle,  
1305 manufactured home or mobile home last previously registered in  
1306 another state or country, the application shall also be  
1307 accompanied by the certificate of title issued by the other state  
1308 or country, if any, properly assigned.

1309           (b) A person may apply for a certificate of title to a  
1310 vehicle lacking proper documentation if the vehicle is at least  
1311 thirty (30) years old and the person submits a certificate of  
1312 ownership signed under penalty of perjury on a form prescribed by  
1313 the Department of Revenue.

1314           (7) If the application is for a vehicle the owner does not  
1315 intend to drive, the owner need not purchase a license tag in  
1316 order to receive a certificate of title, so long as the  
1317 application contains an affidavit attesting to the owner's intent  
1318 that the vehicle not be operated on the highways of this state  
1319 until and unless the owner applies for a license tag.

1320           (8) Every designated agent within this state shall, no later  
1321 than the next business day after they are received by him, forward  
1322 to the Department of Revenue by mail, postage prepaid, the  
1323 originals of all applications received by him, together with such  
1324 evidence of title as may have been delivered to him by the  
1325 applicants.

1326           (9) An application for certificate of title and information  
1327 to be placed on an application for certificate of title may be  
1328 transferred electronically as provided in Section 63-21-16.

1329           (10) The Department of Revenue shall issue a certificate of  
1330 title or any other document applied for under this chapter to the  
1331 designated agent, owner or lienholder of the motor vehicle or of  
1332 the manufactured home or mobile home, as appropriate, not more  
1333 than thirty (30) days after the application and required fee  
1334 prescribed under Section 63-21-63 or Section 63-21-64 are received

1335 unless the applicant requests expedited processing under  
1336 subsection (11) of this section.

1337           (11) (a) The Department of Revenue shall establish an  
1338 expedited processing procedure for the receipt of applications and  
1339 the issuance of certificates of title and any other documents  
1340 issued under this chapter, except a replacement certificate of  
1341 title as provided under Section 63-21-27(2), for motor vehicles  
1342 and for manufactured homes or mobile homes. Any designated agent,  
1343 lienholder or owner requesting the issuance of any such document,  
1344 at his or her option, shall receive such expedited processing upon  
1345 payment of a fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00). Such  
1346 fee shall be in addition to the fees applicable to the issuance of  
1347 any such documents under Section 63-21-63 and Section 63-21-64.

1348           (b) When expedited title processing is requested, the  
1349 applicable fees are paid and all documents and information  
1350 necessary for the Department of Revenue to issue the certificate  
1351 of title or other documents applied for are received by the  
1352 department, then the department shall complete processing of the  
1353 application and issue the title or document applied for within  
1354 seventy-two (72) hours of the time of receipt, excluding weekends  
1355 and holidays.

1356           **SECTION 36.** Section 63-21-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1357 brought forward as follows:

1358           63-21-17. (1) The Department of Revenue shall examine each  
1359 application received and, when satisfied as to its genuineness and  
1360 regularity and that the applicant is entitled to the issuance of a

1361 certificate of title, shall issue a certificate of title of the  
1362 vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home on the form prescribed  
1363 by the department.

1364 (2) The Department of Revenue shall maintain a record of all  
1365 certificates of title issued for fifteen (15) years from the date  
1366 of issuance, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter:

1367 (a) Under a distinctive title number assigned to the  
1368 vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home;

1369 (b) Under the vehicle identification number;

1370 (c) Under the name of the owner; and

1371 (d) In the discretion of the Department of Revenue, by  
1372 any other method the department determines.

1373 (3) The Department of Revenue shall maintain a record of  
1374 each affidavit of affixation filed in accordance with subsections  
1375 (3), (4) and (5) of Section 63-21-30. The record shall state the  
1376 name and mailing address of each owner of the related manufactured  
1377 home, the county of recordation, the date of recordation, and the  
1378 book and page number of each book of records in which there has  
1379 been recorded an affidavit of affixation under subsections (1) and  
1380 (2) of Section 63-21-30, the name of the manufacturer, the make,  
1381 the model name, the model year, the dimensions, and the  
1382 manufacturer's serial number or VIN of the manufactured home or  
1383 mobile home, to the extent that such data exists, and any other  
1384 information the Department of Revenue prescribes.

1385 (4) The Department of Revenue shall maintain a record of  
1386 each manufacturer's certificate of origin submitted for the

1387 purpose of effectuating the retirement of title as provided in  
1388 Section 63-21-30. The record shall state the name and mailing  
1389 address of each owner of the manufactured home, the date the  
1390 manufacturer's certificate of origin was submitted, the county of  
1391 recordation, the date of recordation, and the book and page number  
1392 of each book of records in which there has been recorded an  
1393 affidavit of affixation under subsections (1) and (2) of Section  
1394 63-21-30, the name of the manufacturer, the make, the model name,  
1395 the model year, the dimensions, and the manufacturer's serial  
1396 number or VIN of the manufactured home or mobile home, to the  
1397 extent that such data exists, and any other information the  
1398 Department of Revenue prescribes.

1399 (5) The Department of Revenue shall maintain a record of  
1400 each certificate of title accepted for surrender as provided in  
1401 subsection (5) of Section 63-21-30. The record shall state the  
1402 name and mailing address of each owner of the manufactured home,  
1403 the date the certificate of title was accepted for surrender, the  
1404 county of recordation, the date of recordation, and the book and  
1405 page number of each book of records in which there has been  
1406 recorded an affidavit of affixation under subsections (1) and (2)  
1407 of Section 63-21-30, the name of the manufacturer, the make, the  
1408 model name, the model year, the dimensions, and the manufacturer's  
1409 serial number or VIN of the manufactured home or mobile home, to  
1410 the extent that such data exists, and any other information the  
1411 Department of Revenue prescribes.

1412           (6) The Department of Revenue shall maintain a record of  
1413 each affidavit of severance filed in accordance with subsection  
1414 (6) of Section 63-21-30. The record shall state the name and  
1415 mailing address of each owner of the related manufactured home,  
1416 the county of recordation, the date of recordation, and the book  
1417 and page number of each book of records in which there has been  
1418 recorded an affidavit of severance under subsection (6) of Section  
1419 63-21-30, the name of the manufacturer, the make, the model name,  
1420 the model year, the dimensions, and the manufacturer's serial  
1421 number or VIN of the manufactured home or mobile home, to the  
1422 extent that such data exists, and any other information the  
1423 Department of Revenue prescribes.

1424           (7) Records of affidavits of affixation, submitted  
1425 manufacturer's certificates of origin, surrendered certificates of  
1426 title, and affidavits of severance shall be maintained permanently  
1427 and be subject to public records request. The records of  
1428 affidavits of affixation, submitted manufacturer's certificates of  
1429 origin, and surrendered certificates of title shall include a  
1430 statement that the manufactured home is real property as provided  
1431 in subsections (13) and (14) of Section 63-21-30.

1432           **SECTION 37.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
1433 and after July 1, 2023.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1           AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MISSISSIPPI FULLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE  
2 ENABLING (MS FAVE) ACT OF 2023; TO DEFINE TERMINOLOGY USED HEREIN;

3 TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF FULLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES ON THE  
4 PUBLIC ROADS OF THIS STATE WITHOUT A HUMAN DRIVER PROVIDED THAT  
5 THE AUTOMATED DRIVING SYSTEM IS ENGAGED AND CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE  
6 MET; TO SPECIFY THE CONDITIONS TO BE SATISFIED BEFORE A FULLY  
7 AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE MAY OPERATE UPON THE PUBLIC ROADS OF THIS  
8 STATE; TO REQUIRE THE OPERATOR OF A FULLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE TO  
9 SUBMIT A LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERACTION PLAN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
10 PUBLIC SAFETY; TO PROVIDE THAT AN AUTOMATED DRIVING SYSTEM  
11 INSTALLED ON A MOTOR VEHICLE IS CONSIDERED THE DRIVER OR OPERATOR,  
12 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSING COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE UNIFORM  
13 TRAFFIC LAWS; TO STIPULATE THAT BEFORE OPERATING A FULLY  
14 AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE ON PUBLIC ROADS IN THIS STATE WITHOUT A HUMAN  
15 DRIVER, SATISFACTORY PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY MUST BE  
16 FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO PRESCRIBE THE  
17 PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED WHEN A FULLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE IS  
18 INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT; TO PERMIT THE OPERATION OF AN ON-DEMAND  
19 AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE NETWORK IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPERATION OF  
20 TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES, TAXIS OR ANY OTHER GROUND  
21 TRANSPORTATION FOR-HIRE OF PASSENGERS; TO REQUIRE FULLY AUTONOMOUS  
22 VEHICLES TO BE REGISTERED AND TITLED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
23 REVENUE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANUAL HUMAN OPERATION OF VEHICLES  
24 EQUIPPED WITH AN AUTOMATED DRIVING SYSTEM; TO AUTHORIZE THE  
25 OPERATION OF FULLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES THAT ARE CLASSIFIED AS  
26 COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES; TO EXEMPT FULLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES  
27 DESIGNED TO BE OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY BY AUTOMATED DRIVING SYSTEMS  
28 FROM CERTAIN VEHICLE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS; TO PROHIBIT  
29 UNAUTHORIZED STATE AGENCIES, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE,  
30 OR LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITY FROM RESTRICTING THE OPERATION OF  
31 FULLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES OR IMPOSING TAXES, FEES AND OTHER  
32 REQUIREMENTS UPON FULLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES; TO AMEND SECTIONS  
33 63-1-203, 63-3-103, 63-15-49, 63-15-51, 63-15-53, 63-21-3 AND  
34 63-21-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY TO THE PRECEDING  
35 PROVISIONS; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 63-1-5, 63-3-401, 63-3-405,  
36 63-3-411, 63-3-413, 63-3-619, 63-5-53, 63-7-9, 63-15-37, 63-15-39,  
37 63-15-41, 63-15-43, 63-19-3, 63-21-11, 63-21-15 AND 63-21-17,  
38 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS;  
39 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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