

By: Representative Holloway (76th)

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 701

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT THE HEADLIGHTS OF VEHICLES SHALL BE OPERATED WHENEVER
3 CONDITIONS NECESSITATE THE USE OF WINDSHIELD WIPERS; TO PROHIBIT
4 THE USE OF ONLY THE PARKING LIGHTS OF VEHICLES DURING TIMES WHEN
5 THE USE OF HEADLIGHTS IS REQUIRED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-7-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 63-7-11. (1) Every vehicle operated upon a public road,
10 street or highway within this state * * * shall be equipped with
11 lighted front and rear lamps as respectively required in Section
12 63-7-13 for different classes of vehicles and subject to exemption
13 with reference to lights on parked vehicles as hereinafter stated
14 in this chapter, and the front and rear lamps shall be operated on
15 every vehicle during the following times:

16 (a) The period from sunset to sunrise;

17 (b) Whenever precipitation or any other condition
18 necessitates the use of windshield wipers by vehicle operators;

19 and



20 (c) At any other time when there is not sufficient
21 light to render clearly discernible any person on the highway at a
22 distance of five hundred (500) feet ahead.

23 (2) It is unlawful for any vehicle operator to use only the
24 parking lights or auxiliary driving lamps of the vehicle during
25 any time when this section requires the use of the front and rear
26 lamps of the vehicle.

27 (3) Any person violating the provisions of this section is
28 guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not
29 more than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), upon conviction.

30 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
31 and after July 1, 2024.

