

By: Representative Jennings

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 434

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO HOLDS A VALID TEMPORARY MOTORCYCLE
3 DRIVING PERMIT IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE SUPERVISED BY ANOTHER PERSON
4 WHILE OPERATING A MOTORCYCLE IN ROUTE TO A DRIVER'S LICENSE
5 EXAMINING STATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF TAKING THE MOTORCYCLE
6 OPERATOR SKILL TEST; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 63-1-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 63-1-21. (1) Every applicant for a new or original driver's
11 or operator's license, except persons holding an out-of-state
12 license, shall first obtain a temporary driving permit upon the
13 payment of a fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) to the Department of Public
14 Safety and upon the successful completion of the examination
15 provided for in Section 63-1-33 and the payment of the fee for
16 such examination provided for in Section 63-1-43.

17 (2) A temporary driving permit entitles the holder, provided
18 the permit is in his immediate possession, to drive a motor
19 vehicle other than a motorcycle on the highways of the State of
20 Mississippi only when accompanied by a licensed operator who is at
21 least twenty-one (21) years of age and who is actually occupying
22 the seat beside the driver. A temporary driving permit may be
23 issued to any applicant who is at least fifteen (15) years of age.
24 A temporary driving permit shall be valid for a period of one (1)
25 year from the date of issue.

26 (3) Except as otherwise provided by Section 63-1-6, every
27 applicant for a restricted motorcycle operator's license or a
28 motorcycle endorsement shall first obtain a temporary motorcycle

29 driving permit upon the payment of a fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) to
30 the Department of Public Safety, and upon the successful
31 completion of the examination provided for in Section 63-1-33, and
32 payment of the fee for said examination provided for in Section
33 63-1-43. All applicants for such temporary permit shall * * * be
34 at least fifteen (15) years of age. Every person to whom such
35 temporary permit is issued (a) is prohibited from transporting a
36 passenger on a motorcycle; (b) is prohibited from operating a
37 motorcycle upon any controlled access highway; (c) is prohibited
38 from operating a motorcycle during the hours of 6:00 p.m. through
39 6:00 a.m.; and (d) except as otherwise authorized under subsection
40 (4) of this section, may operate a motorcycle only under the
41 direct supervision of a person at least twenty-one (21) years of
42 age who possesses either a valid driver's or operator's license
43 with a motorcycle endorsement or a valid restricted motorcycle
44 operator's license. Temporary motorcycle driving permits shall be
45 valid for the same period of time and may be renewed upon the same
46 conditions as temporary driving permits issued for vehicles other
47 than motorcycles.

48 (4) A person who holds a valid temporary motorcycle driving
49 permit is not required to be supervised by another person as
50 provided under subsection (3)(d) of this section while operating a
51 motorcycle in route to a driver's license examining station for
52 the purpose of taking the motorcycle operator skill test.

53 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
54 and after July 1, 1999.