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To: Judiciary

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2504

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO
2 ISSUE A LIMITED DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR PERSONS USING BIOPTIC
3 TELESCOPIC LENSES OR A DRIVING REHABILITATION PERMIT; TO PROVIDE A
4 FEE AND PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON SUCH LICENSES AND PERMITS; TO
5 AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ISSUE REGULATIONS
6 GOVERNING SUCH LICENSES AND PERMITS; TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-33,
7 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
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10 SECTION 1. (1) The Commissioner of Public Safety may issue
11 a limited driver's license for persons using bioptic telescopic
12 lenses. The license shall be valid for one (1) year from the date
13 of issuance. The commissioner may require the reevaluation of a
14 licensee before the reissuance of a limited driver's license.

15 (2) The commissioner shall prepare and administer a test for
16 the central and peripheral vision of persons using bioptic
17 telescopic lenses. If the person passes the test and is otherwise
18 qualified, the person may receive a license under this section.

19 (3) The commissioner may issue a one-year driving
20 rehabilitation permit subject to such restrictions as the
21 commissioner may require.

22 (4) The fee for a license or permit issued under this
23 section shall be the fee required for one-year licenses under
24 Section 63-1-43, Mississippi Code of 1972.

25 (5) The commissioner may impose restrictions on any license
26 or permit issued under this section and may issue rules and
27 regulations governing such licenses and permits.

28 SECTION 2. Section 63-1-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
29 amended as follows:

30 63-1-33. It shall be the duty of the license examiner, when
31 application is made for an operator's license or temporary driving
32 permit, to test the applicant's ability to read and understand
33 road signs and to give the required signals as adopted by the
34 National Advisory Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and
35 the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.

36 The commissioner shall have prepared and administer a test
37 composed of at least ten (10) questions relating to the safe
38 operation of a motor vehicle and testing the applicant's knowledge
39 of the proper operation of a motor vehicle.

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41 Prior to the administration of the test the license examiner
42 shall inspect the horn, lights, brakes, inspection certificate and
43 vehicle registration of the motor vehicle which the applicant
44 expects to operate while being tested, and if he finds that any of
45 the aforementioned items are deficient, no license or endorsement
46 shall be issued to the applicant until same have been repaired.

47 Except as otherwise provided by Section 63-1-6, when
48 application is made for an original motorcycle endorsement or a
49 restricted motorcycle operator's license, the applicant shall be
50 required to pass a written test which consists of questions
51 relating to the safe operation of a motorcycle and a skill test
52 similar to the "Motorcycle Operator Skill Test," which is endorsed
53 by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators. The
54 commissioner may exempt any applicant from the skill test if the
55 applicant presents a certificate showing successful completion of
56 a course approved by the commissioner, which includes a similar
57 examination of skills needed in the safe operation of a
58 motorcycle.

59 SECTION 3. Section 1 shall be codified in Chapter 1 of Title
60 63, Mississippi Code of 1972.

61 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from
62 and after July 1, 1999.