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To: Fees and Salaries of
Public Officers;
Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1540

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-1-98, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT ALL HIGHWAY PATROL DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINING OFFICES
3 SHALL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 6:00 P.M.; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 25-1-98, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:[JWB1]

7 25-1-98. In addition to any other times required by statute,
8 all state offices shall be open and staffed for the normal conduct
9 of business from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday,
10 except on legal holidays as set forth in Section 3-3-7. The
11 Governor may designate certain state offices and institutions as
12 providers of essential services and require that they be open and
13 staffed on legal holidays. All Highway Patrol driver's license
14 examining offices shall remain open until 6:00 p.m. The Board of
15 Directors of the Mississippi Industries for the Blind may, in its
16 discretion, require that its offices and operations be open and
17 staffed on legal holidays. Employees required to work on legal
18 holidays shall earn compensatory leave under the provisions of
19 Section 25-3-92. No employee shall receive additional vacation or
20 sick leave benefits for working on a legal holiday, nor shall this
21 section be construed to authorize any additional compensation as
22 an alternative to the accrual of compensatory leave except as
23 specifically provided for in a legislative appropriation. The
24 provisions of this section shall not be construed to limit the
25 hours of operation of any agency or to abrogate any action taken
26 during hours other than those stated, nor shall these provisions

27 apply to any offices that do not customarily stay open five (5)
28 days a week. The provisions of this section shall not apply to
29 the military department of the State of Mississippi or to the
30 armories, field training sites, air bases or other installations
31 of the Mississippi National Guard.

32 A workday for a state employee in a full-time employment
33 position shall be eight (8) hours in duration at a minimum
34 exclusive of time off for meals. The appointing authority shall
35 develop work schedules which ensure that each full-time employee
36 works a full workday and shall provide the State Auditor with a
37 copy of the regular work schedule of the appointing authority.

38 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
39 and after July 1, 2000.