

By: Chaney

To: Juvenile Justice

SENATE BILL NO. 2717

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-32-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE FOR SUSPENSION OF DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PERMIT OF
3 YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS IN POSSESSION OF TOBACCO; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 97-32-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:[CSQ1]

8 97-32-13. (1) Any person under the age of eighteen (18)
9 years who falsely states he is eighteen (18) years of age or
10 older, or presents any document that indicates he is eighteen (18)
11 years of age or older, for the purpose of purchasing or possessing
12 any tobacco or tobacco product shall be penalized not less than
13 Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars
14 (\$200.00) or required to complete at least thirty (30) days
15 community service, or both.

16 (2) (a) Any person under the age of eighteen (18) years who
17 violates the provisions of this chapter, in addition to any other
18 punishment authorized by law, may have his driver's license
19 suspended for a period of one (1) month, and shall pay a fine of
20 Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for the first offense, or shall have
21 his driver's license suspended for three (3) months and pay a fine
22 not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for a second or
23 subsequent offense.

24 (b) Upon conviction or adjudication of any person under
25 the age of eighteen (18) years for a violation of this chapter,
26 the judge shall notify the Commissioner of Public Safety of the
27 adjudication on a form to be devised by the commissioner. The

28 commissioner or his authorized agent shall suspend the driver's
29 license or permit to drive or deny the issuance of a license or
30 permit to the person as provided in this subsection (2).

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