

By: Representatives Dedeaux, Zuber

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 538

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:

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., Monday  
15 through Friday. The Board of Directors of the Mississippi  
16 Industries for the Blind may, in its discretion, require that its  
17 offices and operations be open and staffed on legal holidays.  
18 Employees required to work on legal holidays shall earn  
19 compensatory leave under the provisions of Section 25-3-92. No  
20 employee shall receive additional vacation or sick leave benefits  
21 for working on a legal holiday, nor shall this section be  
22 construed to authorize any additional compensation as an  
23 alternative to the accrual of compensatory leave except as  
24 specifically provided for in a legislative appropriation. The  
25 provisions of this section shall not be construed to limit the  
26 hours of operation of any agency or to abrogate any action taken  
27 during hours other than those stated, nor shall these provisions



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

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

39 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
40 and after July 1, 2001.

