

By: Representative Bailey

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1111

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE EVERY PERSON, UPON EACH RENEWAL OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE, TO
3 TAKE AND PASS A VISION SCREENING EXAMINATION TO BE ADMINISTERED BY
4 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 63-1-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 63-1-47. (1) Each applicant for an original license issued
9 pursuant to this article, who is entitled to issuance of same, and
10 who is eighteen (18) years of age or older, shall be issued a
11 four-year license. Each license will expire at midnight on the
12 licensee's birthday.

13 (a) All renewal licenses of operators eighteen (18)
14 years of age or older shall be for four-year periods and may be
15 renewed any time within six (6) months before the expiration of
16 the license upon application and payment of the required fee,
17 unless required to be reexamined.

18 (b) Every person seventy (70) years of age or older,
19 upon each renewal of a driver's license, and in addition to
20 complying with all other requirements for the renewal of a
21 driver's license, must take and pass a vision screening
22 examination to be administered by the Department of Public Safety.
23 No additional fee shall be charged by the department for
24 administering such examination.

25 (c) From and after January 1, 1990, no commercial
26 driver's license shall be issued under the provisions of this
27 article for any commercial motor vehicle, the lawful operation of

28 which requires the driver to obtain a Class A, B or C commercial
29 driver's license under Article 2 of this chapter; however, from
30 time to time, the holder of a commercial license may apply for a
31 commercial driver's license under Article 2 of this chapter; and,
32 if he fails to pass the required test for such license, he shall
33 be entitled to an extension of his license that shall be valid for
34 one hundred twenty (120) days or until he again is tested under
35 Article 2 of this chapter, whichever occurs first. The extension
36 shall entitle the license holder to operate all vehicles which
37 such license authorized him to operate prior to taking the
38 required test. The first extension shall be without charge;
39 however, a fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) shall be imposed for
40 any subsequent extension. No extension shall be valid past March
41 31, 1992.

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43 (2) Any commercial driver's license issued under this
44 article before January 1, 1990, which expires after March 31,
45 1992, shall be void on April 1, 1992, for the operation of any
46 commercial vehicle requiring a commercial license to be issued
47 under Article 2 of this chapter; however, if the holder of any
48 such license applies for a commercial driver's license under
49 Article 2 of this chapter, passes the required tests for such
50 license, pays all applicable fees under Article 2 of this chapter
51 except the Forty Dollars (\$40.00) license fee and otherwise meets
52 all requirements for the issuance of such license, then such
53 person shall be issued a license under Article 2 of this chapter
54 which shall expire on the expiration date of the commercial
55 driver's license being replaced.

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57 (3) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall notify, by
58 United States mail addressed to the last known address of record
59 with the Department of Public Safety, all holders of commercial
60 driver's licenses issued under this article before January 1,

61 1990, and which expire after March 31, 1992, that such licenses
62 will be void on and after April 1, 1992, for the operation of any
63 vehicle for which a commercial driver's license is required to be
64 issued under Article 2 of this chapter.

65 (4) Any person holding a valid commercial driver's license
66 issued under this article before January 1, 1990, shall continue
67 thereafter, until expiration of such license, to be entitled to
68 operate all vehicles which such license authorized him to operate
69 immediately before January 1, 1990, except that from and after
70 April 1, 1992, such license shall not entitle the licensee to
71 operate a commercial motor vehicle the lawful operation of which
72 requires a commercial driver's license under Article 2 of this
73 chapter.

74 (5) Except as otherwise provided in this article, each
75 applicant for an original driver's license issued pursuant to this
76 article, who is entitled to issuance of same, being under eighteen
77 (18) years of age, shall be issued a one-year license which will
78 expire at midnight on the licensee's birthday. Renewal driver's
79 licenses of operators under the age of eighteen (18) shall be for
80 one-year periods and may be renewed any time within two (2) months
81 before the expiration of the license upon application and payment
82 of the required fee, unless required to be reexamined. An
83 intermediate license shall be valid for one (1) year from its date
84 of issue and may be renewed any time within fourteen (14) days
85 before expiration of the license. All applications by an operator
86 under the age of eighteen (18) must be accompanied by
87 documentation that the applicant is in compliance with the
88 education requirements of Section 63-1-9(1)(g); the documentation
89 must be dated no more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of
90 application.

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