

By: Representative Compretta

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1594

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-35-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 MAKE CERTAIN TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE PROVISIONS OF LAW
3 RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF FEES COLLECTED FROM THE ISSUANCE OF
4 IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY;
5 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 45-35-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 45-35-7. (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this
10 section, each applicant for an original identification card issued
11 pursuant to this chapter who is entitled to issuance of such a
12 card shall be issued a four-year card. Each card shall expire at
13 midnight on the last day of the cardholder's birth month.

14 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section,
15 all renewal identification cards shall be for four-year periods
16 and may be renewed any time during the birth month of the
17 cardholder upon application and payment of the required fee.

18 (3) Any applicant who is blind, as defined in Section
19 43-6-1, upon payment of the fee prescribed in this section, shall
20 be issued an original identification card which shall remain valid
21 for a period of ten (10) years. All renewal identification cards
22 issued to such persons shall also be valid for a period of ten
23 (10) years.

24 (4) A fee of Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) shall be collected for
25 the issuance of an original or renewal identification card plus
26 the applicable photograph fee as provided in subsection (5) of
27 this section. The fee of Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) shall be
28 deposited into the State General Fund. The photograph fee shall



29 be deposited into a special photograph fee account or the State
30 General Fund as provided under subsection (5) of this section.

31 (5) The Commissioner of Public Safety, by rule or
32 regulation, shall establish an identification card photograph fee
33 which shall be the actual cost of the photograph rounded off to
34 the next highest dollar. Monies collected for the photograph fee
35 shall be deposited into a special photograph fee account which the
36 Department of Public Safety shall use to pay the actual cost of
37 producing the photographs. Any monies collected in excess of the
38 actual costs of the photography shall be deposited to the General
39 Fund of the State of Mississippi. * * *

40 (6) Any person who, for medical reasons, surrenders his
41 unexpired driver's license, and any person whose unexpired
42 driver's license is suspended for medical reasons by the
43 Commissioner of Public Safety under Section 63-1-53(e), may be
44 issued an identification card without payment of a fee. The
45 identification card shall be valid for a period of four (4) years
46 from its date of issue. All renewals of such card shall be
47 subject to the fees prescribed in subsections (4) and (5) of this
48 section.

49 (7) The department shall maintain a record of all
50 identification cards issued, except for those cards cancelled,
51 surrendered or denied renewal.

52 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
53 and after its passage.

