

By: Senator(s) Turner

To: Judiciary;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2198

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-3-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TROOPERS TO BE EMPLOYED BY THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-13, MISSISSIPPI
4 CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF LICENSE EXAMINERS TO
5 BE EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 45-3-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 45-3-7. The commissioner is hereby authorized to employ not
11 exceeding six hundred fifty (650) persons as a Mississippi Highway
12 Safety Patrol within the Department of Public Safety. All
13 positions and salaries heretofore authorized and set by statute
14 under the Commissioner of Public Safety shall after passage of
15 this section be made part of the State Personnel System and shall
16 be governed by the laws, rules and regulations thereof.

17 The commissioner shall grant an additional One Hundred
18 Dollars (\$100.00) per month for special flying assignments to
19 patrol officers who are licensed commercial pilots.

20 **SECTION 2.** Section 63-1-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
21 amended as follows:

22 63-1-13. The commissioner is hereby authorized and empowered
23 to appoint a Director of the Driver Services Division who is a
24 qualified elector of the State of Mississippi. Such director
25 shall execute and furnish a bond in the amount of Ten Thousand
26 Dollars (\$10,000.00) with a surety company authorized to do
27 business in this state. The bond shall be conditioned on the
28 faithful performance of his duties and be subject to the approval
29 of the commissioner. The director shall have control and



30 supervision of the Driver Services Division and shall be
31 answerable to the commissioner in the performance of his duties.

32 The commissioner shall employ such other technical,
33 professional and clerical assistants as may be needed to conduct
34 the work of the division. The commissioner is also authorized to
35 employ a Director of the Driver License Examining Bureau and the
36 necessary supervising examiners to assist the Director of the
37 Driver License Examining Bureau in the supervision of the license
38 personnel. The commissioner is also authorized to employ the
39 necessary additional personnel * * * to serve and be designated as
40 "license examiners." The commissioner shall not adopt or enforce
41 any policy or any rule or regulation which prohibits any Highway
42 Patrol officer from being employed and serving in any position in
43 the Driver License Examining Bureau. The commissioner shall
44 employ such other technical, professional and clerical assistants
45 as may be needed to conduct the work of the bureau.

46 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
47 and after July 1, 2002.

