AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
REQUIRE THAT ANY DRIVER'S LICENSES ISSUED TO MINORS BE COLOR CODED
AS AN INDICATION OF THE MINOR'S AGE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

(a) All renewal licenses of operators eighteen (18)
years of age or older shall be for four-year periods and may be
renewed any time within six (6) months before the expiration of
the license upon application and payment of the required fee,
unless required to be reexamined. Provided, however, any license
issued to an applicant who is at least eighteen (18) years of age
but less than twenty-one (21) years of age shall be pink in color.

(b) From and after January 1, 1990, no commercial
driver's license shall be issued under the provisions of this
article for any commercial motor vehicle, the lawful operation of
which requires the driver to obtain a Class A, B or C commercial
driver's license under Article 2 of this chapter; however, from
time to time, the holder of a commercial license may apply for a
commercial driver's license under Article 2 of this chapter; and,
if he fails to pass the required test for such license, he shall
be entitled to an extension of his license that shall be valid for
one hundred twenty (120) days or until he again is tested under 
Article 2 of this chapter, whichever occurs first. The extension 
shall entitle the license holder to operate all vehicles which 
such license authorized him to operate prior to taking the 
required test. The first extension shall be without charge; 
however, a fee of Fifteen Dollars ($15.00) shall be imposed for 
any subsequent extension. No extension shall be valid past March 

(2) [none]

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

(4) [none]

(5) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall notify, by 
United States mail addressed to the last known address of record 
with the Department of Public Safety, all holders of commercial 
driver's licenses issued under this article before January 1, 
1990, and which expire after March 31, 1992, that such licenses 
will be void on and after April 1, 1992, for the operation of any 
vehicle for which a commercial driver's license is required to be 
issued under Article 2 of this chapter.

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

(7) Except as otherwise provided in this article, each
applicant for an original driver's license issued pursuant to this
article, who is entitled to issuance of same, being under eighteen
(18) years of age, shall be issued a one-year license which will
expire at midnight on the licensee's birthday. The driver's
license of a person under eighteen (18) years of age, whether a
driver's license, an intermediate driver's license or a temporary
learner's permit, shall be red in color. Renewal driver's
licenses of operators under the age of eighteen (18) shall be for
one-year periods and may be renewed any time within two (2) months
before the expiration of the license upon application and payment
of the required fee, unless required to be reexamined. An
intermediate license shall be valid for one (1) year from its date
of issue and may be renewed any time within fourteen (14) days
before expiration of the license. All applications by an operator
under the age of eighteen (18) must be accompanied by
documentation that the applicant is in compliance with the
education requirements of Section 63-1-9(1)(g); the documentation
must be dated no more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of
application.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
and after July 1, 2002.