

By: Senator(s) Hyde-Smith

To: Highways and
Transportation

SENATE BILL NO. 2991

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

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

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

7 63-1-47. (1) Each applicant for an original license issued
8 pursuant to this article, who is entitled to issuance of same, and
9 who is eighteen (18) years of age or older, shall be issued a
10 four-year license. Each license will expire at midnight on the
11 licensee's birthday.

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

19 (b) From and after January 1, 1990, no commercial
20 driver's license shall be issued under the provisions of this
21 article for any commercial motor vehicle, the lawful operation of
22 which requires the driver to obtain a Class A, B or C commercial
23 driver's license under Article 2 of this chapter; however, from
24 time to time, the holder of a commercial license may apply for a
25 commercial driver's license under Article 2 of this chapter; and,
26 if he fails to pass the required test for such license, he shall
27 be entitled to an extension of his license that shall be valid for



28 one hundred twenty (120) days or until he again is tested under
29 Article 2 of this chapter, whichever occurs first. The extension
30 shall entitle the license holder to operate all vehicles which
31 such license authorized him to operate prior to taking the
32 required test. The first extension shall be without charge;
33 however, a fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) shall be imposed for
34 any subsequent extension. No extension shall be valid past March
35 31, 1992.

36 (2) [none]

37 (3) Any commercial driver's license issued under this
38 article before January 1, 1990, which expires after March 31,
39 1992, shall be void on April 1, 1992, for the operation of any
40 commercial vehicle requiring a commercial license to be issued
41 under Article 2 of this chapter; however, if the holder of any
42 such license applies for a commercial driver's license under
43 Article 2 of this chapter, passes the required tests for such
44 license, pays all applicable fees under Article 2 of this chapter
45 except the Forty Dollars (\$40.00) license fee and otherwise meets
46 all requirements for the issuance of such license, then such
47 person shall be issued a license under Article 2 of this chapter
48 which shall expire on the expiration date of the commercial
49 driver's license being replaced.

50 (4) [none]

51 (5) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall notify, by
52 United States mail addressed to the last known address of record
53 with the Department of Public Safety, all holders of commercial
54 driver's licenses issued under this article before January 1,
55 1990, and which expire after March 31, 1992, that such licenses
56 will be void on and after April 1, 1992, for the operation of any
57 vehicle for which a commercial driver's license is required to be
58 issued under Article 2 of this chapter.

59 (6) Any person holding a valid commercial driver's license
60 issued under this article before January 1, 1990, shall continue



61 thereafter, until expiration of such license, to be entitled to
62 operate all vehicles which such license authorized him to operate
63 immediately before January 1, 1990, except that from and after
64 April 1, 1992, such license shall not entitle the licensee to
65 operate a commercial motor vehicle the lawful operation of which
66 requires a commercial driver's license under Article 2 of this
67 chapter.

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

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

