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HOUSE BILL NO. 1264

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW SECTION TO BE CODIFIED AS SECTION
2 63-17-2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT IT SHALL BE
3 UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION TO SELL ANY MOTOR
4 VEHICLE TO ANY PERSON KNOWING SUCH PERSON TO BE ILLEGALLY IN THE
5 UNITED STATES OR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AND TO PRESCRIBE
6 PENALTIES FOR SUCH VIOLATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-57,
7 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT A MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE
8 TAG OR DECAL SHALL NOT BE ISSUED TO ANY PERSON WHO DOES NOT
9 PRESENT A VALID MISSISSIPPI DRIVER'S LICENSE AT THE TIME OF
10 APPLICATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
13 63-17-2, Mississippi Code of 1972:

14 63-17-2. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or
15 corporation to sell any motor vehicle to any person knowing such
16 person to be illegally in the United States or the State of
17 Mississippi. Any person violating the provisions of this section
18 shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in Section 63-17-17.

19 **SECTION 2.** Section 27-19-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
20 amended as follows:

21 27-19-57. (1) All persons required to pay the privilege
22 license prescribed by this article shall register their private or
23 commercial vehicle and pay such tax in the county in which such
24 vehicles are domiciled or the county from which such vehicles most
25 frequently leave and return. The tax collector of a county shall
26 not issue a tag or decals to any vehicle domiciled or garaged in
27 another county or to any person who does not present a valid
28 Mississippi driver's license at the time of application.

29 (2) Any person owning a vehicle registered in accordance
30 with Section 27-19-43 which changes county of domicile during a
31 registration year shall, upon registration anniversary date,

32 surrender to the tax collector in the new county of domicile the
33 old tag and decals and shall be issued a new tag displaying the
34 proper county of domicile and decals. This provision shall not
35 apply to vehicles with a gross vehicle weight in excess of ten
36 thousand (10,000) pounds. Any person owning a vehicle with a
37 gross vehicle weight in excess of ten thousand (10,000) pounds
38 which changes county of domicile during a registration year shall,
39 upon registration anniversary date, register the vehicle in the
40 new county of domicile but shall not be required to surrender the
41 old tag and decals.

42 (3) Each person required to pay the privilege license
43 prescribed by this article and claiming homestead exemption on a
44 home located within a municipality shall register all private
45 passenger vehicles to which he holds title in such municipality.

46 (4) If any vehicle, the license for which is issued by the
47 county tax collector or the State Tax Commission, shall be
48 registered in any county other than the county in which the
49 vehicle is domiciled or garaged, or shall be registered in a
50 municipality contrary to the requirements imposed in subsection
51 (4) of this section, then the vehicle shall be regarded as having
52 no privilege license; and the owner or operator thereof shall be
53 liable for the full annual tax in the county in which such vehicle
54 is domiciled or garaged, or in the municipality in which such
55 vehicle is required to be registered as hereinabove provided, plus
56 a penalty thereon of twenty-five percent (25%).

57 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
58 and after July 1, 2006.