

By: Representative Horne

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 986

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT ANY RESIDENT OF THIS STATE WHO HOLDS A VALID
3 MISSISSIPPI DRIVER'S LICENSE AND WHO IS A RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT
4 OFFICER, UPON RENEWAL OF HIS DRIVER'S LICENSE, MAY REQUEST THAT
5 THE DRIVER'S LICENSE ISSUED TO SUCH PERSON CONTAIN A DISTINCTIVE
6 SYMBOL, CHARACTER OR ENDORSEMENT THEREON IDENTIFYING SUCH PERSON
7 AS A RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 63-1-35. (1) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall
12 prescribe the form of licenses issued pursuant to this article
13 which shall, among other features, include a driver's license
14 number assigned by the Department of Public Safety which, at the
15 option of the licensee, may or may not be the social security
16 number of the licensee. A licensee who chooses not to use his
17 social security number as his driver's license number, except as
18 otherwise provided under subsection (2) of this section, shall
19 list his social security number with the department which shall
20 cross reference the social security number with the driver's
21 license number for purposes of identification. Additionally, each
22 license shall bear a full face color photograph of the licensee in
23 such form that the license and the photograph cannot be separated.
24 Such photograph shall be taken so that one (1) exposure will
25 photograph the applicant and the application simultaneously on the
26 same film. The department shall use a process in the issuance of
27 a license with a color photograph which shall prevent as nearly as
28 possible any alteration, counterfeiting, duplication,
29 reproduction, forging or modification of such license or the

30 superimposition of a photograph without ready detection. Such
31 photograph shall be replaced by the department at the time of
32 renewal. Driver licenses, including photographs appearing
33 thereon, may be renewed by electronic means according to rules and
34 regulations promulgated by the commissioner. The Department of
35 Public Safety may accept bank credit cards and debit cards in
36 payment of fees for driver license renewals that are processed by
37 electronic means and, if authorized by general law, may charge an
38 additional fee for the use of such cards.

39 (2) The commissioner shall prescribe the form of licenses
40 issued pursuant to this article to licensees who are not United
41 States citizens and who do not possess a social security number
42 issued by the United States government. The licenses of such
43 persons shall include a number and/or other identifying features.

44 (3) Any resident of this state who holds a valid Mississippi
45 driver's license and who is a retired law enforcement officer,
46 upon renewal of his driver's license, may request that the
47 driver's license issued to such person contain a distinctive
48 symbol, character or endorsement thereon identifying such person
49 as a retired law enforcement officer. No fee shall be charged by
50 the department for such symbol, character or endorsement; however,
51 at the time of application the applicant shall present proof to
52 the issuing official that he is a retired law enforcement officer
53 by presentation of a signed and notarized affidavit from the
54 governing authority or chief executive officer of the agency,
55 county, municipality or political subdivision from whom the law
56 enforcement officer retired.

57 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
58 and after July 1, 2007.