

By: Representative Dedeaux

To: Transportation;  
Appropriations

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1155

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO CONTRACT WITH ANY  
3 PERSON OR LEGAL ENTITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING LOCATIONS AND  
4 FACILITIES ON SUCH PERSON'S PROPERTY OR BUSINESS UPON WHICH  
5 PERSONNEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY'S DRIVER LICENSE  
6 EXAMINING BUREAU MAY ESTABLISH TEMPORARY OR MOBILE OPERATION  
7 CENTERS FOR THE RENEWAL OF DRIVER'S LICENSES AND PERMITS; TO  
8 PROVIDE THAT SUCH MONIES AS THE COMMISSIONER MAY RECEIVE PURSUANT  
9 TO THE EXECUTION OF SUCH CONTRACTS SHALL BE PLACED INTO THE  
10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATIVE FUND AND MAY BE  
11 EXPENDED, UPON APPROPRIATION BY THE LEGISLATURE, FOR THE  
12 EMPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES TO ASSIST THE DRIVER LICENSE  
13 EXAMINING BUREAU IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES; AND FOR RELATED  
14 PURPOSES.

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

16 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-1-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
17 amended as follows:

18 63-1-13. (1) The commissioner is hereby authorized and  
19 empowered to appoint a Director of the Driver Services Division  
20 who is a qualified elector of the State of Mississippi. Such  
21 director shall execute and furnish a bond in the amount of Ten  
22 Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) with a surety company authorized to  
23 do business in this state. The bond shall be conditioned on the  
24 faithful performance of his duties and be subject to the approval  
25 of the commissioner. The director shall have control and  
26 supervision of the Driver Services Division and shall be  
27 answerable to the commissioner in the performance of his duties.

28 (2) The commissioner shall employ such other technical,  
29 professional and clerical assistants as may be needed to conduct  
30 the work of the division. The commissioner is also authorized to  
31 employ a Director of the Driver License Examining Bureau and the  
32 necessary supervising examiners to assist the Director of the  
33 Driver License Examining Bureau in the supervision of the license

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

42 (3) The commissioner may contract and enter into agreements  
43 with any person or other legal entity for the purpose of providing  
44 locations and facilities on such person's property or business  
45 upon which personnel of the Department of Public Safety's Driver  
46 License Examining Bureau may establish temporary or mobile  
47 operation centers for the renewal of driver's licenses and permits  
48 during regular business hours of the bureau and for extended  
49 hours, including nights and weekends. Such monies as the  
50 commissioner may receive pursuant to the execution of such  
51 contracts and agreements shall be placed into the Department of  
52 Public Safety Administrative Fund created under Section 45-1-21,  
53 and may be expended, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for  
54 the employment of additional administrative, professional,  
55 technical, stenographic, clerical and other employees, including  
56 retired highway patrol officers, to assist the Driver License  
57 Examining Bureau in the performance of its duties.

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