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To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2720

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 45-35-3 AND 63-1-35, MISSISSIPPI
2 CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE SEX OFFENDERS TO OBTAIN A NEW DRIVER'S
3 LICENSE, PERMIT OR NONDRIVER'S IDENTIFICATION CARD THAT IDENTIFIES
4 THE INDIVIDUAL AS A SEX OFFENDER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 45-35-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 45-35-3. (1) Any person six (6) years of age or older may
9 be issued an identification card by the department which is
10 certified by the registrant and attested by the commissioner as to
11 true name, correct age and such other identifying data as required
12 by Section 45-35-5.

13 (2) The new or renewal identification card of a person
14 required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Section
15 45-33-25 shall bear a designation identifying the cardholder as a
16 sex offender.

17 **SECTION 2.** Section 63-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
18 amended as follows:

19 63-1-35. (1) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall
20 prescribe the form of licenses issued pursuant to this article
21 which shall, among other features, include a driver's license
22 number assigned by the Department of Public Safety which, at the
23 option of the licensee, may or may not be the social security
24 number of the licensee. A licensee who chooses not to use his
25 social security number as his driver's license number, except as
26 otherwise provided under subsection (2) of this section, shall
27 list his social security number with the department which shall
28 cross reference the social security number with the driver's

29 license number for purposes of identification. Additionally, each
30 license shall bear a full face color photograph of the licensee in
31 such form that the license and the photograph cannot be separated.
32 Such photograph shall be taken so that one (1) exposure will
33 photograph the applicant and the application simultaneously on the
34 same film. The department shall use a process in the issuance of
35 a license with a color photograph which shall prevent as nearly as
36 possible any alteration, counterfeiting, duplication,
37 reproduction, forging or modification of such license or the
38 superimposition of a photograph without ready detection. Such
39 photograph shall be replaced by the department at the time of
40 renewal. Driver licenses, including photographs appearing
41 thereon, may be renewed by electronic means according to rules and
42 regulations promulgated by the commissioner. The Department of
43 Public Safety may accept bank credit cards and debit cards in
44 payment of fees for driver license renewals that are processed by
45 electronic means and, if authorized by general law, may charge an
46 additional fee for the use of such cards.

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

52 (3) Any new or renewal driver's license, temporary driving
53 permit, intermediate license or commercial driver's license issued
54 to a person required to register as a sex offender pursuant to
55 Section 45-33-25 shall bear a designation identifying the licensee
56 or permittee as a sex offender.

57 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
58 and after July 1, 2007.