

By: Senator(s) Tollison

To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2861

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 RESTRICT THE DRIVING ACTIVITIES OF PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 17 AS
3 TO THE ALLOWABLE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS PERMITTED IN A VEHICLE
4 OPERATED BY THE PERSON; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 63-1-5. (1) No person shall drive or operate a motor
9 vehicle other than a motorcycle upon the highways of the State of
10 Mississippi without first securing an operator's license to drive
11 on the highways of the state, except those persons especially
12 exempted by Section 63-1-7.

13 (2) A person driving under an intermediate driver license
14 shall not operate a motor vehicle with more than one (1) passenger
15 in the motor vehicle unless:

16 (a) The intermediate licensee is supervised by a
17 parent, guardian or other person age twenty-one (21) years or
18 older who holds a valid driver's license under this article who is
19 actually occupying the vehicle; or

20 (b) Any minor passengers in excess of the one (1)
21 permitted under this subsection are siblings or stepsiblings of
22 the driver or are adopted or foster children residing in the same
23 household as the driver, and the driver is in possession of a
24 letter from the driver's parent or legal guardian authorizing the
25 passengers to be in the motor vehicle for the sole purpose of
26 going to or from school.

27 (3) A person under the age of seventeen (17) driving under a
28 driver's license shall not operate a motor vehicle with more than
29 two (2) passengers in the motor vehicle unless:

30 (a) The licensee is supervised by a parent, guardian or
31 other person age twenty-one (21) years or older who holds a valid
32 driver's license under this article who is actually occupying the
33 vehicle; or

34 (b) Any minor passengers in excess of the two (2)
35 permitted under this subsection are siblings or stepsiblings of
36 the driver or are adopted or foster children residing in the same
37 household as the driver, and the driver is in possession of a
38 letter from the driver's parent or legal guardian authorizing the
39 passengers to be in the motor vehicle for the sole purpose of
40 going to or from school.

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