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To: Transportation; Revenue  
and Expenditure General Bills

HOUSE BILL NO. 396

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-57, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT TAX COLLECTORS CANNOT REQUIRE A PERSON TO PROVIDE  
3 A MISSISSIPPI DRIVER'S LICENSE AS A CONDITION FOR THE REGISTRATION  
4 OF A VEHICLE PROVIDED THEY HAVE A VALID GOVERNMENT ISSUED ID FROM  
5 ANY STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
6 REQUIRE A PERSON TO GET A MISSISSIPPI DRIVER'S LICENSE TO OPERATE  
7 A VEHICLE AFTER BEING IN THE STATE 60 CONSECUTIVE DAYS; AND FOR  
8 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-19-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
11 amended as follows:

12 27-19-57. (1) All persons required to pay the privilege  
13 license prescribed by this article shall register their private or  
14 commercial vehicle and pay such tax in the county in which such  
15 vehicles are domiciled or the county from which such vehicles most  
16 frequently leave and return. The tax collector of a county shall  
17 not issue a tag or decals to any vehicle domiciled or garaged in  
18 another county.

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



22 surrender to the tax collector in the new county of domicile the  
23 old tag and decals and shall be issued a new tag displaying the  
24 proper county of domicile and decals. This provision shall not  
25 apply to vehicles with a gross vehicle weight in excess of ten  
26 thousand (10,000) pounds. Any person owning a vehicle with a  
27 gross vehicle weight in excess of ten thousand (10,000) pounds  
28 which changes county of domicile during a registration year shall,  
29 upon registration anniversary date, register the vehicle in the  
30 new county of domicile but shall not be required to surrender the  
31 old tag and decals.

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

36 (4) If any vehicle, the license for which is issued by the  
37 county tax collector or the State Tax Commission, shall be  
38 registered in any county other than the county in which the  
39 vehicle is domiciled or garaged, or shall be registered in a  
40 municipality contrary to the requirements imposed in subsection  
41 (3) of this section, then the vehicle shall be regarded as having  
42 no privilege license; and the owner or operator thereof shall be  
43 liable for the full annual tax in the county in which such vehicle  
44 is domiciled or garaged, or in the municipality in which such  
45 vehicle is required to be registered as hereinabove provided, plus  
46 a penalty thereon of twenty-five percent (25%).



47       (5) No tax collector shall require a person to provide a  
48 Mississippi driver's license as a condition for the registration  
49 of a vehicle, provided that such person, if required, must show  
50 proof of identification in the form of a driver's license or other  
51 government identification issued from any U.S. state or territory,  
52 including the District of Columbia.

53       **SECTION 2.** Section 63-1-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
54 amended as follows:

55       63-1-7. No license issued pursuant to this article shall be  
56 required of:

57           (a) Any person while operating a motor vehicle for  
58 military purposes, if the person is a member of the United States  
59 Armed Forces or Reserves on active duty, a member of the National  
60 Guard on active duty or full-time National Guard duty, a National  
61 Guard military technician, or participating in part-time National  
62 Guard training.

63           (b) Any nonresident person who has in his immediate  
64 possession a valid license to drive a motor vehicle on the  
65 highways of his home state or country, issued to him by the proper  
66 authorities of his home state or country, or of any nonresident  
67 person whose home state or country does not require the licensing  
68 of a person to operate a motor vehicle on the highways but does  
69 require him to be duly registered. Such person being eighteen  
70 (18) years of age or older may operate a motor vehicle in the  
71 state for a period of sixty (60) consecutive days without securing



72 a license. However, any nonresident person operating a motor  
73 vehicle in this state shall be subject to all the provisions of  
74 this article, except as specified above.

75 (c) Any person while operating a road roller, road  
76 machinery or any farm tractor or implement of husbandry  
77 temporarily drawn, moved or propelled on the highways.

78 (d) Any engineer or motorman using tracks for road or  
79 street, though used in the streets.

80 (e) Any person while operating an electric personal  
81 assistive mobility device as defined in Section 63-3-103.

82 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
83 and after July 1, 2016.

