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To: Transportation

## HOUSE BILL NO. 893

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 63-1-35 AND 45-35-3, MISSISSIPPI  
2 CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO  
3 DISPLAY A RECIPIENT'S BLOOD TYPE ON A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR  
4 IDENTIFICATION CARD; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 63-1-35. (1) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall  
9 prescribe the form of license issued pursuant to this article  
10 which shall, among other features, include a driver's license  
11 number assigned by the Department of Public Safety. A licensee  
12 shall list his social security number with the department which  
13 shall cross reference the social security number with the driver's  
14 license number for purposes of identification. Additionally, each  
15 license shall bear a full-face color photograph of the licensee in  
16 such form that the license and the photograph cannot be separated.  
17 The photograph shall be taken so that one (1) exposure will  
18 photograph the applicant and the application simultaneously on the  
19 same film. The department shall use a process in the issuance of



20 a license with a color photograph that shall prevent as nearly as  
21 possible any alteration, counterfeiting, duplication,  
22 reproduction, forging or modification of the license or the  
23 superimposition of a photograph without ready detection. The  
24 photograph shall be replaced by the department at the time of  
25 renewal. Drivers' licenses, including photographs appearing  
26 thereon, may be renewed by electronic means according to rules and  
27 regulations promulgated by the commissioner in conformity to  
28 Section 27-104-33.

29 (2) The commissioner shall prescribe the form of license  
30 issued pursuant to this article to licensees who are not United  
31 States citizens and who do not possess a social security number  
32 issued by the United States government. The license of such  
33 persons shall include a number and/or other identifying features.

34 (3) Any new, renewal or duplicate driver's license,  
35 temporary driving permit, intermediate license or commercial  
36 driver's license issued to a person required to register as a sex  
37 offender pursuant to Section 45-33-25 shall bear a designation  
38 identifying the licensee or permittee as a sex offender.

39 (4) The commissioner is authorized to provide the new,  
40 renewal or duplicate driver's license, temporary driving permit,  
41 intermediate license or commercial driver's license to any  
42 honorably discharged veteran as defined in Title 38 of the United  
43 States Code, and such license or permit shall exhibit the letters  
44 "Vet" or any other mark identifying the person as a veteran. The



veteran requesting the "Vet" designation shall present his DD-214 or equivalent document that includes a notation from the state Veterans Affairs Board that the applicant is a veteran.

(5) The commissioner is authorized to display on the new, renewal or duplicate driver's license, temporary driving permit, intermediate license or commercial driver's license, at the request of the recipient, the recipient's blood type. The commissioner shall not require a recipient's blood type to be displayed on the license.

**SECTION 2.** Section 45-35-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

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

(3) The commissioner is authorized to provide the new, renewal or duplicate identification card to any honorably discharged veteran as defined in Title 38 of the United States Code, and such identification card shall exhibit the letters "Vet" or any other mark identifying the person as a veteran. The



veteran requesting the "Vet" designation shall present his DD-214 or equivalent document that includes a notation from the state Veterans Affairs Board that the applicant is a veteran.

(4) The commissioner is authorized to display on the new, renewal or duplicate driver's license, temporary driving permit, intermediate license or commercial driver's license, at the request of the recipient, the recipient's blood type. The commissioner shall not require a recipient's blood type to be displayed on the license.

**SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2017.

