

By: Representative Huddleston (30th)

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1189

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 63-1-35 AND 45-35-3, MISSISSIPPI
2 CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO
3 PROVIDE IDENTIFYING MARKINGS ON THE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR
4 IDENTIFICATION CARD OF CURRENT AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE
5 MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE UPON REQUEST; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



45 "Vet" or any other mark identifying the person as a veteran. The
46 veteran requesting the "Vet" designation shall present his DD-214
47 or equivalent document that includes a notation from the state
48 Veterans Affairs Board that the applicant is a veteran.

49 (5) Upon request and proof by a current or former member of
50 the Mississippi Legislature, the commissioner shall provide that
51 the new, renewal or duplicate driver's license, temporary driving
52 permit, intermediate license or commercial driver's license of the
53 current or former member of the Mississippi Legislature shall be
54 marked to identify the person as either a current or former member
55 of the Legislature.

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

58 45-35-3. (1) Any person six (6) years of age or older may
59 be issued an identification card by the department which is
60 certified by the registrant and attested by the commissioner as to
61 true name, correct age and such other identifying data as required
62 by Section 45-35-5.

63 (2) The new, renewal or duplicate identification card of a
64 person required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Section
65 45-33-25 shall bear a designation identifying the cardholder as a
66 sex offender.

67 (3) The commissioner is authorized to provide the new,
68 renewal or duplicate identification card to any honorably
69 discharged veteran as defined in Title 38 of the United States



70 Code, and such identification card shall exhibit the letters "Vet"
71 or any other mark identifying the person as a veteran. The
72 veteran requesting the "Vet" designation shall present his DD-214
73 or equivalent document that includes a notation from the state
74 Veterans Affairs Board that the applicant is a veteran.

75 (4) Upon request and proof by a current or former member of
76 the Mississippi Legislature, the commissioner shall provide that
77 the identification card of the current or former member of the
78 Mississippi Legislature shall be marked to identify the person as
79 either a current or former member of the Legislature.

80 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
81 and after July 1, 2018.

