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To: Judiciary, Division A;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2098

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 63-1-35 AND 45-35-3, MISSISSIPPI
2 CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN DISABILITIES
3 ON DRIVER'S LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS UNDER CERTAIN
4 CIRCUMSTANCES; TO REQUIRE TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN
5 RECOGNIZING CERTAIN MENTAL OR MEDICAL CONDITIONS; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

(5) Upon the presentation by the applicant of a letter signed by a physician or psychologist who is licensed to practice in Mississippi verifying that the applicant is diagnosed with a pervasive developmental disorder, the new, renewal or duplicate driver's license, temporary driving permit, intermediate license or commercial driver's license issued to the person shall exhibit the letters "PDD" identifying the licensee or permittee as a person who has a pervasive developmental disorder.

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



71 discharged veteran as defined in Title 38 of the United States
72 Code, and such identification card shall exhibit the letters "Vet"
73 or any other mark identifying the person as a veteran. The
74 veteran requesting the "Vet" designation shall present his DD-214
75 or equivalent document that includes a notation from the State
76 Veterans Affairs Board that the applicant is a veteran.

77 (4) Upon the presentation by the applicant of a letter
78 signed by a physician or psychologist who is licensed to practice
79 in Mississippi verifying that the applicant is diagnosed with a
80 pervasive developmental disorder, the new, renewal or duplicate
81 identification card issued to the person shall exhibit the letters
82 "PDD" identifying the holder as a person who has a pervasive
83 developmental disorder.

84 **SECTION 3.** The Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards
85 and Training shall promulgate regulations to require education and
86 training components on mental health and behavioral issues to
87 consist of not less than six (6) hours in the initial law
88 enforcement officer certification program and not less than one
89 (1) hour in any required continuing education program for law
90 enforcement officers. The behavioral component will train
91 officers to recognize behavioral characteristics that distinguish
92 conditions such as autism, Asperger's syndrome, or any other
93 mental or medical condition that may present with atypical
94 developmental symptoms that are not developmentally typical which
95 could be perceived by an untrained person as suspicious.



96 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
97 and after July 1, 2018.

