

House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2764

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

24 SECTION 1. (1) Upon application by any legal resident of
25 the State of Mississippi with a health condition or disability
26 which limits or impairs the ability to effectively communicate
27 with law enforcement, the department shall prepare and issue
28 through the county tax collectors a special decal that is to be
29 placed on license plates and on front left windshield corners
30 bearing that indication for any vehicles that are registered in
31 the applicant's name or otherwise authorized to be applied for by
32 the applicant.

33 (2) The initial application shall be accompanied by the
34 certification of a Mississippi licensed physician or Mississippi
35 licensed psychologist that will prescribe that (a) the applicant
36 or the applicant's child, parent or spouse has a physical or
37 mental health condition that will impair the ability to
38 effectively communicate with law enforcement; and (b) the
39 physician or psychologist has determined that the applicant or the
40 applicant's child, parent or spouse will have the communication

41 impairment for at least five (5) years. The department shall
42 prepare and issue to the tax collectors of the various counties,
43 decals for placement on license plates.

44 (3) A person to whom the special decal is issued may retain
45 the special decal and may renew it on the issuance of a new
46 license plate by submitting to the county tax collector, on or
47 before its expiration, the certification of a Mississippi licensed
48 physician or Mississippi licensed psychologist that will prescribe
49 that (a) the applicant or the applicant's child, parent or spouse
50 has a physical or mental health condition that will impair the
51 ability to effectively communicate with law enforcement; and (b)
52 the physician or psychologist has determined that the applicant or
53 the applicant's child, parent or spouse will have the
54 communication impairment for at least five (5) years.

55 (4) Information supplied to the department is for
56 confidential use and may not be disclosed to any person.

57 **SECTION 2.** The Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards
58 and Training shall promulgate regulations to require education and
59 training components on mental health and behavioral issues to
60 consist of not less than six (6) hours in the initial law
61 enforcement officer certification program and not less than one
62 (1) hour in any required continuing education program for law
63 enforcement officers. The behavioral component will train
64 officers to recognize behavioral characteristics that distinguish
65 conditions such as autism, Asperger's syndrome, or any other
66 mental or medical condition that may present with atypical

67 developmental symptoms which could be perceived by an untrained
68 person as suspicious and which could impede effective
69 communication with a law enforcement officer.

70 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act shall be codified in Title
71 63, Chapter 21, Mississippi Code of 1972. Section 2 of this act
72 shall be codified in Title 45, Chapter 6, Mississippi Code of
73 1972.

74 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
75 and after July 1, 2020, and shall stand repealed from and after
76 June 30, 2020.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW SECTION IN TITLE 63, CHAPTER 21,
2 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR ISSUANCE BY THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, THROUGH THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTORS, OF
4 SPECIAL DECALS TO BE PLACED ON THE LICENSE PLATES AND FRONT LEFT
5 WINDSHIELD CORNERS OF VEHICLES OF APPLICANTS WITH HEALTH
6 CONDITIONS OR DISABILITIES LIMITING OR IMPAIRING EFFECTIVE
7 COMMUNICATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT; TO REQUIRE THAT THE INITIAL
8 APPLICATION AND THE APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE
9 CERTIFICATION OF A MISSISSIPPI LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR PSYCHOLOGIST
10 INDICATING THAT THE APPLICANT, OR THE APPLICANT'S CHILD, PARENT OR
11 SPOUSE, HAS A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION IMPAIRING THE
12 ABILITY TO EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND THAT
13 THE PHYSICIAN OR PSYCHOLOGIST HAS DETERMINED THAT THE
14 COMMUNICATION IMPAIRMENT WILL LAST FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS; TO
15 PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE
16 APPLICANT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; TO CREATE A NEW SECTION IN
17 TITLE 45, CHAPTER 6, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DIRECT THE BOARD
18 ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING TO PROMULGATE
19 REGULATIONS REQUIRING EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMPONENTS ON MENTAL
20 HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL ISSUES TO ASSIST LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN
21 RECOGNIZING HEALTH CONDITIONS OR DISABILITIES THAT MAY IMPEDE
22 EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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