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To: Highways and
Transportation

SENATE BILL NO. 2785
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF DRIVER'S EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE
3 ACTIVE OR RESERVE DUTY MILITARY MEMBERS, THEIR SPOUSES AND
4 DEPENDENT CHILDREN WHO ARE LICENSED AS DRIVERS UNDER A LAW
5 REQUIRING THE LICENSING OF DRIVERS IN THEIR HOME STATE AND WHO
6 HAVE IN THEIR IMMEDIATE POSSESSION A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE ISSUED
7 IN THEIR HOME STATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

11 63-1-7. No license issued pursuant to this article shall be
12 required of:

13 (a) Any person while operating a motor vehicle for
14 military purposes, if the person is a member of the United States
15 Armed Forces or Reserves on active duty, a member of the National
16 Guard on active duty or full-time National Guard duty, a National
17 Guard military technician, or participating in part-time National
18 Guard training.

19 (b) Any nonresident person who has in his immediate
20 possession a valid license to drive a motor vehicle on the



21 highways of his home state or country, issued to him by the proper
22 authorities of his home state or country, or of any nonresident
23 person whose home state or country does not require the licensing
24 of a person to operate a motor vehicle on the highways but does
25 require him to be duly registered. Such person being eighteen
26 (18) years of age or older may operate a motor vehicle in the
27 state for a period of sixty (60) consecutive days without securing
28 a license. However, any nonresident person operating a motor
29 vehicle in this state shall be subject to all the provisions of
30 this article, except as specified above.

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

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

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

38 (f) A member of any active or reserve component branch
39 of the United States of America Armed Forces, or a spouse or a
40 dependent child not less than sixteen (16) years of age of a
41 member of any active or reserve component branch of the United
42 States of America Armed Forces, who has been licensed as a driver
43 under a law requiring the licensing of drivers in his home state
44 and who has in his immediate possession a valid driver's license
45 issued to him in his home state shall be permitted without



46 examination or license under this article to drive a motor vehicle
47 on public roads, streets and highways of the State of Mississippi.
48 The provisions of this paragraph shall not be affected by the
49 person's, spouse's or dependent child's ownership of a motor
50 vehicle registered in the State of Mississippi.

51 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
52 and after July 1, 2021.

