

By: Senator(s) Simmons (12th), Norwood

To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2703
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-43, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO WAIVE THE FEE FOR ANY
3 DRIVER'S LICENSE OR LEARNER'S PERMIT ISSUED TO APPLICANTS WHO ARE
4 IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES; TO
5 AMEND SECTION 45-1-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; AND
6 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-1-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 63-1-43. (1) The commissioner shall charge and collect the
11 following fees:

12 (a) Fees to which the card stock fee authorized in
13 Section 45-1-21 shall be added:

14 Class R original or renewal four-year license
15 authorized in Section 63-1-5.....\$18.00

16 Class R original or renewal eight-year license
17 authorized in Section 63-1-5.....\$36.00

18 Class D original or renewal four-year license
19 authorized in Section 63-1-47.....\$23.00

20 Class D original or renewal eight-year license



21 authorized in Section 63-1-47.....\$46.00
 22 Four-year Identification Card authorized in
 23 Section 45-35-7.....\$11.00
 24 Eight-year Identification Card authorized in
 25 Section 45-35-7.....\$22.00
 26 Eight-year Identification Card for the blind
 27 authorized in Section 45-35-7.....\$11.00
 28 Four-year Disability Identification Card authorized in
 29 Section 45-35-53.....\$11.00
 30 Learner's Permit authorized in
 31 Section 63-1-21.....\$ 1.00
 32 Duplicate Identification Card or Disability
 33 Identification Card.....\$ 5.00
 34 Duplicate Class R or Class D license
 35 authorized in Section 63-1-37.....\$ 5.00
 36 Class A, B or C Commercial driver's license
 37 authorized in Section 63-1-208.....\$48.00
 38 CDL Learner's Permit authorized in Section 63-1-208....\$10.00
 39 Duplicate CDL or CDL learner's permit.....\$ 5.00
 40 Ignition-Interlock-Restricted License
 41 authorized in Section 63-11-31.....\$50.00
 42 (b) Driver services fees to which the card stock fee
 43 authorized in Section 45-1-21 is not added:
 44 Temporary Motorcycle Permit.....\$ 1.00
 45 Four-year or eight-year Motorcycle Endorsement.....\$ 5.00



46 Late Renewal Fee.....\$ 1.00
 47 Four-year Identification Card upon medical reason for
 48 surrender of a driver's license as authorized in
 49 Section 45-35-7 (one (1) time only).....No fee
 50 Hazardous Materials Background Check (federal).....\$63.00
 51 Hazardous Materials Background Check (state).....\$37.00
 52 CDL Application Fee.....\$25.00
 53 CDL Endorsements:
 54 Tanker Endorsement.....\$ 5.00
 55 Doubles/Triples Endorsement.....\$ 5.00
 56 Passenger Endorsement.....\$ 5.00
 57 Hazardous Materials Endorsement.....\$ 5.00
 58 School Bus Endorsement.....\$ 5.00

59 (c) In addition to the fees required in this section,
 60 an applicant may contribute an additional One Dollar (\$1.00) which
 61 shall be deposited into the Statewide Litter Prevention Fund. The
 62 applicant shall be informed that he may contribute an additional
 63 One Dollar (\$1.00) which shall be deposited into the Statewide
 64 Litter Prevention Fund and shall be expended solely for the
 65 purpose of funding litter prevention projects or litter education
 66 programs, as recommended by the Statewide Litter Prevention
 67 Program of Keep Mississippi Beautiful, Inc.

68 (d) Starting January 1, 2021, for any original or
 69 renewal license for which the fee is greater than Ten Dollars
 70 (\$10.00), if the applicant brings all required documentation but



71 does not receive his or her license within two and one-half
72 (2-1/2) hours of entering and remaining at the license station,
73 Ten Dollars (\$10.00) shall be deducted from the total amount owed
74 for the license.

75 (2) All originals and renewals of operators' licenses shall
76 be in compliance with Section 63-1-47.

77 (3) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary in
78 this section, the commissioner shall waive the driver's license or
79 learner's permit fee for any applicant in the custody of the
80 Department of Child Protection Services.

81 **SECTION 2.** Section 45-1-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
82 amended as follows:

83 45-1-21. (1) (a) The Mississippi Department of Public
84 Safety being required by law to keep various records and perform
85 various services and being authorized to furnish certain records
86 and services, the department, by direction of the Commissioner of
87 Public Safety, shall establish and collect for such services a
88 proper fee, commensurate with the service rendered and the cost of
89 the service for the furnishing of any record or abstract thereof
90 in the Department of Public Safety now or which may hereafter be
91 required by law to be kept by said department, any photograph or
92 photo copy or any report of any kind authorized by law, including
93 services for polygraph tests and reports thereof.

94 (b) No records shall be furnished by the Mississippi
95 Department of Public Safety which are classified as confidential



96 by law. All fees collected under this section shall be paid into
97 the General Fund of the State Treasury in accordance with the
98 provisions of Section 45-1-23(2).

99 (2) (a) (i) The Commissioner of Public Safety, by rule
100 duly filed with the Secretary of State under the Administrative
101 Procedures Act, may establish a card stock fee to be paid by an
102 applicant when specifically authorized by statute for producing a
103 license, permit or identification card bearing the likeness of the
104 applicant. The card stock fee shall be the actual cost of
105 producing the license, permit or identification card as set by
106 contract rounded off to the next highest dollar.

107 (ii) The administrative rule filing shall include
108 either:

109 1. A copy of the contract governing the
110 actual cost of producing the license permit or identification
111 card, from which nonpublic information may be redacted; or

112 2. An abstract of the pertinent parts of the
113 contract verified to be correct by the person responsible for the
114 administrative rule filing.

115 (b) Monies collected for the card stock fee shall be
116 deposited into a special card stock fee account which the
117 Department of Public Safety shall use to pay the actual cost of
118 producing the licenses and identification cards. Any monies
119 collected in excess of the actual costs of the card stock fee may
120 be used by the department to defray the cost of future



121 photography, fraud deterrence and driver's license technology
122 initiatives. Money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal
123 year shall not lapse into the State General Fund and any interest
124 earned from the investment of monies in the fund shall be
125 deposited to the credit of the fund.

126 (3) The fee authorization provided in subsection (2) of this
127 section shall not apply to any applicant in the custody of the
128 Department of Child Protection Services.

129 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
130 and after July 1, 2023.

