

By: Representative Crawford

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1513

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REMOVE THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO
3 ADMINISTER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF DRIVER'S LICENSES
4 OR DRIVING PERMITS IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 63-1-35. (1) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall
9 prescribe the form of license issued pursuant to this article
10 which shall, among other features, include a driver's license
11 number assigned by the Department of Public Safety. A licensee
12 shall list his social security number with the department which
13 shall cross reference the social security number with the driver's
14 license number for purposes of identification. Additionally, each
15 license shall bear a full-face color photograph of the licensee in
16 such form that the license and the photograph cannot be separated.
17 The photograph shall be taken so that one (1) exposure will
18 photograph the applicant and the application simultaneously on the
19 same film. The department shall use a process in the issuance of



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

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

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

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



45 "Vet" designation shall present his DD-214, Military Retiree
46 Identification Card, United States Department of Veterans Affairs
47 Medical Identification Card, United States Department of Veterans
48 Affairs Identification Card or National Guard Form NGB 22. The
49 veteran requesting the "Vet" designation may present his DD-214,
50 Military Retiree Identification Card, United States Department of
51 Veterans Affairs Medical Identification Card, United States
52 Department of Veterans Affairs Identification Card or National
53 Guard Form NGB 22 in person at the Mississippi Department of
54 Public Safety Driver's License Station.

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56 (* * *5) If false documents are provided by an individual
57 for purposes of obtaining a veteran driver's license, such action
58 shall be considered fraudulent use of identity under Section
59 97-19-85, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall be punishable, upon
60 conviction, as a felony pursuant to the provisions of that
61 section.

62 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
63 and after July 1, 2024.

