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To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2192

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE ANY NEW, RENEWAL OR DUPLICATE DRIVER'S LICENSE, TEMPORARY
3 DRIVING PERMIT OR COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE ISSUED TO A PERSON
4 UNDER THIS CHAPTER TO BEAR AN INDICATION OF THE SEX OF THE
5 INDIVIDUAL WHICH SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE SEX OF THE
6 INDIVIDUAL DETERMINED AT BIRTH; AND FOR RELATED 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 or commercial driver's license issued to
38 a person required to register as a sex offender pursuant to
39 Section 45-33-25 shall bear a designation identifying the licensee
40 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 or
43 commercial driver's license to any honorably discharged veteran as
44 defined in Title 38 of the United States Code, and such license or
45 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, Military Retiree Identification Card, United States Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Identification Card, United States Department of Veterans Affairs Identification Card or National Guard Form NGB 22. The veteran requesting the "Vet" designation may present his DD-214, Military Retiree Identification Card, United States Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Identification Card, United States Department of Veterans Affairs Identification Card or National Guard Form NGB 22 in person at the Mississippi Department of Public Safety Driver's License Station.

(5) Not later than July 1, 2021, the commissioner shall develop and implement a driver's license or driving permit in electronic format as an additional option for license or permit holders. Acceptable electronic formats include display of electronic images on a cellular phone or any other type of electronic device.

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

(7) Any new, renewal or duplicate driver's license, temporary driving permit or commercial driver's license issued to



71 a person under this chapter shall bear an indication of the sex of
72 the individual which shall be consistent with the sex of the
73 individual determined at birth. A court order that is
74 inconsistent with this subsection shall have no effect upon
75 issuance or renewal of a license under this chapter.

76 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
77 and after July 1, 2025.
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