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To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 117
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT AN APPLICANT FOR A MISSISSIPPI DRIVER'S LICENSE WHO,
3 AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION, HOLDS A VALID MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER'S
4 LICENSE ISSUED BY ANOTHER STATE SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO TAKE A
5 WRITTEN TEST; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 63-1-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 63-1-33. It shall be the duty of the license examiner, when
10 application is made for an operator's license or temporary driving
11 permit, to test the applicant's ability to read and understand
12 road signs and to give the required signals as adopted by the
13 National Advisory Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and
14 the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.

15 The commissioner shall have prepared and administer a test
16 composed of at least ten (10) questions relating to the safe
17 operation of a motor vehicle and testing the applicant's knowledge
18 of the proper operation of a motor vehicle.

19 Prior to the administration of the test the license examiner
20 shall inspect the horn, lights, brakes, inspection certificate and
21 vehicle registration of the motor vehicle which the applicant
22 expects to operate while being tested, and if he finds that any of
23 the aforementioned items are deficient, no license or endorsement
24 shall be issued to the applicant until same have been repaired.

25 An applicant for a Mississippi driver's license who, at the
26 time of application, holds a valid motor vehicle driver's license
27 issued by another state shall not be required to take a written

28 test.

29 Except as otherwise provided by Section 63-1-6, when
30 application is made for an original motorcycle endorsement or a
31 restricted motorcycle operator's license, the applicant shall be
32 required to pass a written test which consists of questions
33 relating to the safe operation of a motorcycle and a skill test
34 similar to the "Motorcycle Operator Skill Test," which is endorsed
35 by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators. The
36 commissioner may exempt any applicant from the skill test if the
37 applicant presents a certificate showing successful completion of
38 a course approved by the commissioner, which includes a similar
39 examination of skills needed in the safe operation of a
40 motorcycle.

41 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
42 and after July 1, 2000.