

By: Senator(s) Chaney

To: Juvenile Justice

SENATE BILL NO. 2799

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-32-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE FOR SUSPENSION OF DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PERMIT OF
3 YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS IN POSSESSION OF TOBACCO; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-32-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 97-32-13. (1) Any person under the age of eighteen (18)
9 years who falsely states he is eighteen (18) years of age or
10 older, or presents any document that indicates he is eighteen (18)
11 years of age or older, for the purpose of purchasing or possessing
12 any tobacco or tobacco product shall be penalized not less than
13 Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars
14 (\$200.00) or required to complete at least thirty (30) days
15 community service, or both.

16 (2) (a) Any person under the age of eighteen (18) years who
17 violates the provisions of this chapter, in addition to any other
18 punishment authorized by law, shall have his driver's license
19 suspended for a period of thirty (30) days for the first offense,
20 or shall have his driver's license suspended for three (3) months
21 for a second or subsequent offense.

22 (b) Upon conviction or adjudication of any person under
23 the age of eighteen (18) years for a violation of this chapter,
24 the judge shall notify the Commissioner of Public Safety of the
25 adjudication on a form to be devised by the commissioner. The
26 commissioner or his authorized agent shall suspend the driver's
27 license or permit to drive or deny the issuance of a license or
28 permit to the person as provided in this subsection (2).



29 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
30 and after July 1, 2002.

