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To: Judiciary, Division A

SENATE BILL NO. 2284

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT A DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER ASSIGNED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
3 OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL NOT BE THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF THE  
4 LICENSEE; 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 licenses 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. For all  
12 licenses issued or renewed from and after July 1, 2004, the  
13 driver's license number shall \* \* \* not be the social security  
14 number of the licensee. A licensee \* \* \*, except as otherwise  
15 provided under subsection (2) of this section, shall list his  
16 social security number with the department which shall cross  
17 reference the social security number with the driver's license  
18 number for purposes of identification. Additionally, each license  
19 shall bear a full face color photograph of the licensee in such  
20 form that the license and the photograph cannot be separated.  
21 Such photograph shall be taken so that one (1) exposure will  
22 photograph the applicant and the application simultaneously on the  
23 same film. The department shall use a process in the issuance of  
24 a license with a color photograph which shall prevent as nearly as  
25 possible any alteration, counterfeiting, duplication,  
26 reproduction, forging or modification of such license or the  
27 superimposition of a photograph without ready detection. Such  
28 photograph shall be replaced by the department at the time of

29 renewal. Driver licenses, including photographs appearing  
30 thereon, may be renewed by electronic means according to rules and  
31 regulations promulgated by the commissioner. The Department of  
32 Public Safety may accept bank credit cards and debit cards in  
33 payment of fees for driver license renewals that are processed by  
34 electronic means and, if authorized by general law, may charge an  
35 additional fee for the use of such cards.

36 (2) The commissioner shall prescribe the form of licenses  
37 issued pursuant to this article to licensees who are not United  
38 States citizens and who do not possess a social security number  
39 issued by the United States government. The licenses of such  
40 persons shall include a number and/or other identifying features.

41 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
42 and after July 1, 2004