

By: Representative Fleming

To: Education

## HOUSE BILL NO. 406

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO COMPLETE A  
2 CERTIFIED DRIVER EDUCATION TRAINING PROGRAM AS A CONDITION FOR  
3 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION; TO AMEND SECTION 37-25-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
4 OF 1972, TO REQUIRE ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN  
5 DRIVER EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS; TO AMEND SECTION 37-25-7,  
6 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PRESCRIBE  
7 REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING WHEN STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE  
8 IN DRIVER EDUCATION AND TRAINING; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** In addition to all other requirements for  
11 graduation prescribed by the State Board of Education and local  
12 school boards, a student must successfully complete a certified  
13 driver education and training program as a condition for  
14 graduation from a public high school in Mississippi.

15 **SECTION 2.** Section 37-25-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
16 amended as follows:

17 37-25-3. The school board of every school district shall  
18 establish and maintain driver education and training programs for  
19 pupils enrolled in the \* \* \* secondary schools in that district.

20 **SECTION 3.** Section 37-25-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
21 amended as follows:

22 37-25-7. Each school district \* \* \* shall prescribe  
23 regulations establishing when a student is eligible to receive  
24 instruction in the driver education and training program. The  
25 regulations must require, at a minimum, that any student receiving  
26 instruction under this chapter shall be:

27 (a) Fourteen years of age or above;

28 (b) A regularly enrolled student in the ninth, tenth,  
29 eleventh or twelfth grade; and

30 (c) A full-time student in the respective secondary  
31 school.

32 Any driver education student under fifteen (15) years of age  
33 shall secure a learner's permit issued by the Department of Public  
34 Safety which shall be valid only while the student is under the  
35 direct supervision of a driver education instructor and is  
36 actually enrolled in an approved course of driver education which  
37 consists of thirty (30) hours of classroom and six (6) hours of  
38 dual driving instruction. The learner's permit shall expire at  
39 the end of the driver training course. The Department of Public  
40 Safety shall charge a fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) for the issuance  
41 of a learner's permit.

42 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
43 and after July 1, 2007.