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To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2241

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE FOR A SPECIAL FORM OF DRIVER'S LICENSE TO BE ISSUED TO
3 HONORABLY RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; AND FOR RELATED
4 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 which, at the
12 option of the licensee, may or may not be the social security
13 number of the licensee. A licensee who chooses not to use his
14 social security number as his driver's license number, except as
15 otherwise provided under subsection (2) of this section, shall
16 list his social security number with the department which shall
17 cross reference the social security number with the driver's
18 license number for purposes of identification. Additionally, each
19 license shall bear a full face color photograph of the licensee in
20 such 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 (3) The commissioner shall prescribe a form of license
42 issued pursuant to this article to licensees who are honorably
43 retired law enforcement officers designating the retirement status
44 of the licensee; proof of the licensee's status as an honorably
45 retired law enforcement officer may be submitted pursuant to the
46 form promulgated by the commissioner under Section 45-9-101.

47 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
48 and after July 1, 2007.