

By: Representative Jones

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1241

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBERS SHALL NOT BE THE LICENSEE'S
3 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
4 TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF LAW REGARDING THE PROTECTION AND
5 TREATMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 63-1-35. (1) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall
10 prescribe the form of licenses issued pursuant to this article
11 which shall, among other features, include a driver's license
12 number assigned by the Department of Public Safety. Such number
13 shall not be the licensee's social security number * * *. A
14 licensee, except as otherwise provided under subsection (2) of
15 this section, shall list his social security number with the
16 department which shall cross reference the social security number
17 with the driver's license number for purposes of identification.
18 The Department of Public Safety shall comply with Section 25-1-111
19 for the protection and treatment of social security numbers.

20 Additionally, each license shall bear a full face color photograph
21 of the licensee in such form that the license and the photograph
22 cannot be separated. Such photograph shall be taken so that one
23 (1) exposure will photograph the applicant and the application
24 simultaneously on the same film. The department shall use a
25 process in the issuance of a license with a color photograph which
26 shall prevent as nearly as possible any alteration,
27 counterfeiting, duplication, reproduction, forging or modification
28 of such license or the superimposition of a photograph without



29 ready detection. Such photograph shall be replaced by the
30 department at the time of renewal. Driver's licenses, including
31 photographs appearing thereon, may be renewed by electronic means
32 according to rules and regulations promulgated by the
33 commissioner. The Department of Public Safety may accept bank
34 credit cards and debit cards in payment of fees, as defined in
35 Section 27-104-33, for driver's license renewals that are
36 processed by electronic means and, if authorized by general law,
37 may charge an additional fee for the use of such cards.

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

43 (3) Any new, renewal or duplicate driver's license,
44 temporary driving permit, intermediate license or commercial
45 driver's license issued to a person required to register as a sex
46 offender pursuant to Section 45-33-25 shall bear a designation
47 identifying the licensee or permittee as a sex offender.

48 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
49 and after July 1, 2008.

