MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION 2009

By: Representative Fillingane

To: Judiciary A; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 521

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-46, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE FROM $75.00 TO $250.00 THE FEE FOR REINSTATEMENT OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI IMPLIED CONSENT LAW OR AS A RESULT OF A CONVICTION OF A VIOLATION OF THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES LAW; TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES COLLECTED FROM THE INCREASED FEE SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY AND MAY BE EXPENDED ONLY TO PROVIDE SALARY INCREASES FOR MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY SAFETY PATROL OFFICERS AND EXPENSES RELATED TO TRAINING OF NEW RECRUITS OF THE MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY SAFETY PATROL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 63-1-46, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-1-46. (1) A fee of Twenty-five Dollars ($25.00) shall be charged for the reinstatement of a license issued under this article to every person whose license has been validly suspended, revoked or cancelled. This fee shall be in addition to the fee provided for in Section 63-1-43.

(2) The funds received under the provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall be deposited into the State General Fund in accordance with Section 45-1-23.

(3) In addition to the fee provided for in subsection (1) of this section, an additional fee of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($250.00) shall be charged for the reinstatement of a license issued under this article to every person whose license has been suspended or revoked under the provisions of the Mississippi Implied Consent Law or as a result of a conviction of a violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law under the provisions of Section 63-1-71.

(4) The funds received under the provisions of subsection (3) of this section shall be placed in a special fund hereby created in the State Treasury. Monies in such special fund may be expended, upon appropriation by the Legislature, solely to provide salary increases for Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol officers and expenses related to training of new recruits of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol. * * *

(5) The procedure for the reinstatement of a license issued pursuant to this article that has been suspended for being out of compliance with an order for support, as defined in Section 93-11-153, and the payment of any fees for the reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, shall be governed by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2009.

ST: Driver's license; increase fee for reinstatement upon conviction of alcohol or drug violation.