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SENATE BILL NO. 2798

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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-32-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PERMIT IMPOSITION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR A MINOR WHO VIOLATES THE YOUTH ACCESS TO TOBACCO ACT IF THE MINOR IS CONCURRENTLY IN VIOLATION OF ANY OTHER LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 97-32-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-32-9. No person under eighteen (18) years of age shall purchase any tobacco product. No student of any high school, junior high school or elementary school shall possess tobacco on any educational property as defined in Section 97-37-17.

(a) If a person under eighteen (18) years of age is found by a court to be in violation of any other statute and is also found to be in possession of a tobacco product, the court may order the minor to perform up to three (3) hours of community service, in addition to any other punishment imposed by the court.

(b) A violation under this section is not to be recorded on the criminal history of the minor and, upon proof of satisfaction of the court's order, the record shall be expunged from any records other than youth court records.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2012.

PASSED BY THE SENATE
March 8, 2012



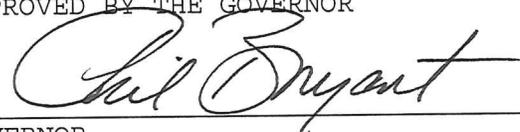
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PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
April 5, 2012



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR



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