
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: BOYD
SUBJECT: NEW LICENCES
DATE: 06/20/00
CC: MADER
SIMMONS

Commissioner David Huggins held a joint press conference today to unveil the new underage drivers license with the Attorney General and the Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi (see the attached news release). The change in the driver's license is a good change as those under the age of 21 will receive a license that has vertical design as opposed to the current horizontal design to prevent underage smoking and drinking. The new underage license will also clearly state when the minor will become 18 or 21 in clear red lettering.

My concerns of this press conference are:

1. Your office was not notified until June 19th by fax to Marla Ruth;
2. It appears that neither you nor a member of your office were invited to participate in the press conference;
3. The slides of the new driver's license had incorrect information (e.g. The individual's birth date on the license was 3/30/84 and the license reported, "Under 18 until 10/02/2005;
4. The Partnership for A Healthy Mississippi is providing a \$24,000 grant to offset the cost of renewals for underage drivers; and,
5. The Press Packets were prepared by the Partnership's staff and have both the Mississippi Highway Patrol's and the Partnership's logo.

Should you have any questions, please let me know (359-2971 or 942-7667). [FYI: A reporter asked Moore if he were running for Governor and Moore replied that he was running for something important.]