

By: Representative Rogers

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 493

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE PAYMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR
3 THE ISSUANCE OF A DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE TO PEARL
4 HARBOR SURVIVORS AND PURPLE HEART MEDAL RECIPIENTS; AND FOR
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 27-19-56.5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 27-19-56.5. In recognition of the patriotic service rendered
10 by Mississippians who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor and by
11 Mississippians who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal, any
12 such person is privileged to obtain one (1) distinctive motor
13 vehicle license plate or tag identifying him as a Pearl Harbor
14 survivor or a Purple Heart Medal recipient. The distinctive
15 plates or tags shall be of a color and design designated by the
16 Tax Commission.

17 The distinctive license plates shall be prepared by the Tax
18 Commission and shall be issued through the tax collectors of the
19 counties in the same manner as are other motor vehicle license
20 plates or tags. An applicant for a distinctive license plate
21 issued under this section shall not be required to pay any fee or
22 charge for the issuance of such license plate separate from or in
23 addition to the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes
24 and registration fees otherwise required by law to be paid for the
25 issuance of a regular license plate for the vehicle. An applicant
26 for such distinctive plates shall present to the issuing official
27 either (a) written proof that the applicant is an honorably

28 discharged former member of one of the Armed Forces of the United
29 States and, while serving in the Armed Forces of the United
30 States, was present during the attack on the island of Oahu,
31 Territory of Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, between the hours of
32 7:55 a.m. and 9:45 a.m., Hawaii time, or (b) written proof that
33 the applicant is a Purple Heart Medal recipient. The distinctive
34 license plates or tags so issued shall be used only upon a
35 personally or jointly owned private passenger vehicle (to include
36 station wagons, recreational motor vehicles and pickup trucks)
37 registered in the name, or jointly in the name, of the person
38 making application therefor, and when issued to such person shall
39 be used upon the vehicle for which issued in lieu of the standard
40 license plate or license tag normally issued for such vehicle.

41 The distinctive license plates shall not be transferable
42 between motor vehicle owners; and in the event the owner of a
43 vehicle bearing a distinctive plate shall sell, trade, exchange or
44 otherwise dispose of the vehicle, such plate shall be retained by
45 such owner and returned to the tax collector.

46 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
47 and after July 1, 1999.