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To: Ways and Means

## HOUSE BILL NO. 894

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CODE SECTION 27-19-56.15, MISSISSIPPI  
2 CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE  
3 TAGS IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSISSIPPI CATTLEMEN'S FOUNDATION; TO  
4 PROVIDE THAT A PORTION OF THE FEES COLLECTED FOR SUCH DISTINCTIVE  
5 LICENSE TAGS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE MISSISSIPPI CATTLEMEN'S  
6 FOUNDATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section  
9 27-19-56.15, Mississippi Code of 1972:

10 27-19-56.15. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a  
11 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge  
12 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as  
13 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup  
14 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of  
15 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this  
16 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor  
17 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a  
18 supporter of the Mississippi Cattlemen's Foundation. The  
19 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and  
20 design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of the  
21 Mississippi Cattlemen's Foundation, may prescribe and shall  
22 consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary  
23 to distinguish each license tag.

24 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
25 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
26 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the  
27 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
28 five percent (5%) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,

29 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission within seven (7)  
30 days of the date the application is made. The portion of the  
31 additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited  
32 into the county general fund.

33 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or  
34 after July 1, 1999, any person applying for a distinctive license  
35 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount  
36 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag  
37 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all  
38 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a  
39 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established  
40 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the  
41 time the original application is made for a distinctive license  
42 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of  
43 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive  
44 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive  
45 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax  
46 collector.

47 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the  
48 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
49 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the  
50 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the  
51 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
52 Treasurer shall distribute an amount equal to Seven Dollars  
53 (\$7.00) of the additional fees collected for each such distinctive  
54 license tag issued under this section to the State General Fund,  
55 and the remainder of such additional fees collected shall be  
56 distributed by the State Treasurer to the Mississippi Cattlemen's  
57 Foundation for use by the foundation for any projects or  
58 activities of the foundation conducted or performed within the  
59 State of Mississippi.

60 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as  
61 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under  
62 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the  
63 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under  
64 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license  
65 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,

66 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license  
67 tag.

68 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
69 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
70 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
71 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
72 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
73 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
74 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
75 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be  
76 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular  
77 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

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