

By: Representative Walker

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 942

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CODE SECTION TO BE CODIFIED AS SECTION
2 27-19-56.15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE
3 OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO RETIRED TEACHERS; AND
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section

8 27-19-56.15, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9 27-19-56.15. (1) Owners of motor vehicles who are residents
10 of Mississippi and who are receiving monthly retirement checks
11 from the Mississippi Public Employees' Retirement System, or who
12 are receiving monthly retirement checks from an education
13 retirement pension program from any other state, upon complying
14 with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing
15 of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the road and bridge
16 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
17 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
18 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, are eligible to
19 apply for and receive a distinctive license tag.

20 (2) The distinctive license tags shall be prepared by the
21 State Tax Commission and shall be issued through the tax
22 collectors of the counties in the same manner as are other motor
23 vehicle license plates or tags. Each distinctive license tag
24 shall display thereon the words "Retired Educator" and, in
25 addition, such numbers or letters, or both, as may be necessary to
26 distinguish each license tag. The distinctive tags shall be of
27 such color and design as agreed upon by the American Federation of

28 Teachers, the Mississippi Professional Educators, the Mississippi
29 Retired Teachers' Association and the State Tax Commission. The
30 State Tax Commission shall have final approval of the color and
31 design of the tags. (3) Applicants for the distinctive license
32 tags authorized by this section shall present to the issuing
33 official proof that they are receiving a monthly allotment as a
34 retired teacher from the Mississippi Public Employees' Retirement
35 System or from an education retirement pension program from any
36 other state.

37 (4) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
38 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
39 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
40 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
41 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
42 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
43 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
44 tag.

45 (5) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
46 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
47 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided
48 under Section 27-19-37.

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