

By: Representative Janus

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1138

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 COMMEMORATION OF LIONS OF MISSISSIPPI; TO PROVIDE THAT A
4 PORTION OF THE FEES COLLECTED FOR SUCH DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS
5 SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO LIONS OF MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED
6 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 member of Lions of Mississippi, upon payment of the road and
12 bridge 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 any motor
17 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a member
18 of Lions of Mississippi. The distinctive license tags so issued
19 shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission,
20 with the advice of Lions of Mississippi, may prescribe and shall
21 consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary
22 to distinguish each license tag.

23 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
24 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
25 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
26 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
27 three percent (3%) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
28 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission within seven (7)

29 days of the date the application is made. The portion of the
30 additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited
31 into the county general fund.

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

46 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
47 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
48 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the
49 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
50 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
51 Treasurer shall distribute an amount equal to Seven Dollars
52 (\$7.00) of the additional fees collected for each such distinctive
53 license tag issued under this section to the State General Fund,
54 and the remainder of such additional fees collected shall be
55 distributed by the State Treasurer to Lions of Mississippi.

56 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
57 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
58 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
59 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
60 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
61 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
62 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
63 tag.

64 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
65 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and

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

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