

By: Senator(s) Burton

To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2145

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A DISTINCTIVE MOTOR
2 VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE TO RECIPIENTS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL; AND
3 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. In recognition of the patriotic service rendered
6 by Mississippians who are recipients of the Bronze Star Medal, any
7 such person is privileged to obtain one (1) distinctive motor
8 vehicle license plate or tag identifying him as Bronze Star Medal
9 recipient. The distinctive plates or tags shall be of a color and
10 design designated by the State Tax Commission.

11 The distinctive license plates shall be prepared by the State
12 Tax Commission and shall be issued through the tax collectors of
13 the counties in the same manner as are other motor vehicle license
14 plates or tags. An additional tag fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00)
15 shall be collected by the tax collector for such license plates or
16 tags and shall be forwarded to the State Tax Commission which
17 shall deposit such fee to the credit of the State General Fund.
18 An applicant for such distinctive plates shall present to the
19 issuing official written proof that the applicant is a Bronze Star
20 Medal recipient. The distinctive license plates or tags so issued
21 shall be used only upon a personally or jointly owned private
22 passenger vehicle (to include station wagons, recreational motor
23 vehicles and pickup trucks) registered in the name, or jointly in
24 the name, of the person making application therefor, and when
25 issued to such person shall be used upon the vehicle for which
26 issued in lieu of the standard license plate or license tag

27 normally issued for such vehicle.

28 The distinctive license plates shall not be transferable
29 between motor vehicle owners; and in the event the owner of a
30 vehicle bearing a distinctive plate shall sell, trade, exchange or
31 otherwise dispose of the vehicle, such plate shall be retained by
32 such owner and returned to the tax collector.

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