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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2175

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO ELIMINATE THE FEE COLLECTED FOR SPECIAL LICENSE TAGS OR PLATES
3 IDENTIFYING PEARL HARBOR SURVISORS AND PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS;
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF
5 THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

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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 * * * distinctive motor
13 vehicle license plates or tags 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 such distinctive plates
21 shall present to the issuing official either (a) written proof
22 that the applicant is an honorably discharged former member of one
23 of the Armed Forces of the United States and, while serving in the
24 Armed Forces of the United States, was present during the attack
25 on the island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, on December 7, 1941,
26 between the hours of 7:55 a.m. and 9:45 a.m., Hawaii time, or (b)
27 written proof that the applicant is a Purple Heart Medal
28 recipient. The distinctive license plates or tags so issued shall

29 be used only upon a personally or jointly owned private passenger
30 vehicle (to include station wagons, recreational motor vehicles
31 and pickup trucks) registered in the name, or jointly in the name,
32 of the person making application therefor, and when issued to such
33 person shall be used upon the vehicle for which issued in lieu of
34 the standard license plate or license tag normally issued for such
35 vehicle.

36 The distinctive license plates shall not be transferable
37 between motor vehicle owners; and in the event the owner of a
38 vehicle bearing a distinctive plate shall sell, trade, exchange or
39 otherwise dispose of the vehicle, such plate shall be retained by
40 such owner and returned to the tax collector.

41 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
42 and after its passage.