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AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

Committee Sub. for HB NO. 1298

By Representative(s) Holland

1 **AMEND** by inserting the following immediately after Section 2
2 and by renumbering the succeeding sections:

3 SECTION 3. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is an
4 emergency medical technician certified under Chapter 59 of Title
5 41, Mississippi Code of 1972, upon payment of the road and bridge
6 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
7 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
8 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
9 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
10 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor
11 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as an
12 emergency medical technician. The distinctive license tags so
13 issued shall be of such color and design as the State Tax
14 Commission, with the advice of the Mississippi Department of
15 Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services, may prescribe and
16 shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be
17 necessary to distinguish each license tag.

18 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
19 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
20 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. Applicants for the
21 distinctive license tag shall present proof of their certification
22 as an emergency medical technician to the county tax collector.
23 The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection

24 (3) of this section, less five percent (5%) thereof to be retained
25 by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the State Tax
26 Commission within seven (7) days of the date the application is
27 made. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax
28 collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

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

43 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
44 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
45 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the
46 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
47 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
48 Treasurer shall distribute an amount equal to Seven Dollars
49 (\$7.00) of the additional fees collected for each such distinctive
50 license tag issued under this section to the State General Fund,
51 and the remainder of such additional fees collected shall be
52 deposited to the credit of the Mississippi Trauma Care Systems
53 Fund created under Section 41-59-75.

54 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
55 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under

56 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
57 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
58 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
59 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
60 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
61 tag.

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

72 **AMEND FURTHER**, the title, by inserting the following
73 immediately after the semicolon on line 9:
74 TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS TO CERTIFIED
75 EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS; TO PROVIDE THAT A PORTION OF THE
76 ADDITIONAL FEES COLLECTED FOR SUCH DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS SHALL
77 BE DEPOSITED TO THE CREDIT OF THE MISSISSIPPI TRAUMA CARE SYSTEMS
78 FUND;