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To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 65

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.12, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO AUTHORIZE ACTIVE AND RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI
3 NATIONAL GUARD AND OF THE UNITED STATES RESERVES TO PURCHASE
4 VETERANS TAGS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 27-19-56.12, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 27-19-56.12. In recognition of the patriotic service
9 rendered by Mississippians who are honorably discharged veterans
10 who served in the United States Armed Forces in Saudi Arabia or
11 Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield,
12 in Panama during the invasion, in Grenada during the invasion,
13 during the Vietnam Conflict, during the Korean Conflict, during
14 World War II or during World War I, and in recognition of the
15 patriotic service rendered by Mississippians who are active duty
16 or retired members of the Mississippi National Guard or the United
17 States Reserves, including both enlisted and officer personnel,
18 any such person is privileged to obtain one (1) distinctive motor
19 vehicle license plate or tag identifying him as a veteran. The
20 State Tax Commission is further authorized to develop a decal to
21 be affixed to the license tag indicating the veteran's service in
22 the above enumerated wars or conflicts or service in the

23 Mississippi National Guard or the United States Reserves. The
24 distinctive plates or tags shall be of a color and design
25 designated by the Tax Commission.

26 The distinctive license plates shall be prepared by the Tax
27 Commission and shall be issued through the tax collectors of the
28 counties in the same manner as are other motor vehicle license
29 plates or tags. An additional tag fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00)
30 shall be collected by the tax collector for such license plates or
31 tags and shall be forwarded to the Tax Commission which shall
32 deposit such fee to the credit of a fund to be administered by the
33 board overseeing the veterans nursing homes in this state for the
34 benefit of indigent veterans who are residents of such nursing
35 homes.

36 An applicant for such distinctive plates shall present to the
37 issuing official written evidence of the veteran's service. Such
38 evidence shall include a copy of the applicant's DD-214 form or an
39 equivalent document. However, an applicant who is a member of the
40 Mississippi National Guard or of the United States Reserves, shall
41 present to the issuing official proof of his membership by means
42 of a certificate signed by the commanding officer of such
43 applicant on forms prescribed by the Adjutant General of
44 Mississippi. A retired member of the Mississippi National Guard
45 or of the United States Reserves applying for such plates shall
46 present to the issuing official a copy of his active duty
47 retirement orders or other proof of retirement from active
48 service.

49 The distinctive license plates or tags so issued shall be
50 used only upon a personally or jointly owned private passenger
51 vehicle (to include station wagons, recreational motor vehicles
52 and pickup trucks) registered in the name, or jointly in the name,
53 of the person making application therefor, and when issued to such

54 person shall be used upon the vehicle for which issued in lieu of
55 the standard license plate or license tag normally issued for such
56 vehicle.

57 The distinctive license plates shall not be transferable
58 between motor vehicle owners; and in the event the owner of a
59 vehicle bearing a distinctive plate shall sell, trade, exchange or
60 otherwise dispose of the vehicle, such plate shall be retained by
61 such owner and returned to the tax collector.

62 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
63 and after July 1, 2000.