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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 280

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS 1 THAT DISPLAY THE EMBLEM OF PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES LOCATED IN OTHER 2 3 STATES; TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR SUCH TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH ADDITIONAL FEES; TO AUTHORIZE THE 4 5 ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE; TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR 6 7 SUCH TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH ADDITIONAL 8 FEES; TO AMEND SECTION 43-55-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE 9 10 LICENSE TAGS TO CERTIFIED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS; TO IMPOSE 11 AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR SUCH TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH ADDITIONAL FEES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE 12 LICENSE TAGS IN SUPPORT OF ANIMAL CARE ORGANIZATIONS; TO IMPOSE AN 13 ADDITIONAL FEE FOR SUCH TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF 14 SUCH ADDITIONAL FEES; TO AMEND SECTION 69-15-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF 15 16 17 DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSISSIPPI SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION; TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR 18 19 SUCH TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH ADDITIONAL FEES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS TO MEMBERS OF CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL; TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR 20 21 SUCH TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH ADDITIONAL 22 23 FEES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS IN 24 SUPPORT OF MISSISSIPPI WILDLIFE REHABILITATION ORGANIZATIONS; TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR SUCH TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE 25 DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH ADDITIONAL FEES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF 26 DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS TO MEMBERS OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY 27 AND ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY; TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR 28 29 SUCH TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH ADDITIONAL 30 FEES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSISSIPPI SIERRA CLUB; TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL 31 32 FEE FOR SUCH TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH 33 ADDITIONAL FEES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE 34 TAGS IN SUPPORT OF DUCKS UNLIMITED, INC.; TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR SUCH TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH 35 36 ADDITIONAL FEES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

37 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 38 <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) (a) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a 39 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws 40 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon 41 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes 42 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of 43 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,

44 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount of 45 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00), shall be issued a distinctive license tag 46 that displays the emblem of any public university of his choice 47 located in another state.

(b) The design of the emblems for the distinctive
license tags authorized under this subsection shall be determined
by agreement between the State Tax Commission and the governing
authorities of public universities in the states where the
universities are located. Such other design characteristics and
information to be contained on such distinctive license tags shall
be determined by the State Tax Commission.

(c) Application for the distinctive license tag 55 56 authorized under this subsection shall be made to the county tax 57 collector on forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The 58 application and the additional fee, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the State Tax 59 Commission within seven (7) days of the date that the application 60 is made. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax 61 62 collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(d) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees
that it receives under this subsection into the State Treasury on
the day received. At the end of each month, the State Tax
Commission shall certify the total fees collected under this
section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such
collections as follows:

(i) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of the additional 69 70 fees collected from each distinctive license tag issued under this subsection shall be distributed to the World War II Veterans 71 72 Memorial in Washington, D.C. However, when the amounts 73 distributed to the World War II Veterans Memorial reaches an 74 aggregate amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), 75 then Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of such additional fees shall be 76 deposited into the State General Fund.

(ii) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn Center Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

81 (iii) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee 82 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this 83 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund 84 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or 85 reconstruction of highways.

86 (2) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as 87 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the 88 89 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under 90 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, 91 92 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license 93 tag.

94 (3) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and 95 96 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by 97 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving 98 99 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee 100 101 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be 102 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular 103 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

104 SECTION 2. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a 105 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge 106 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as 107 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup 108 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of 109 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this 110 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor 111 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a 112 supporter of the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service. 113 The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and

114 design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of the 115 Mississippi Commission on Volunteer Service, may prescribe and 116 shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be 117 necessary to distinguish each license tag.

118 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized 119 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the 120 121 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less 122 Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be 123 remitted to the State Tax Commission within seven (7) days of the date the application is made. The portion of the additional fee 124 125 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county 126 general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or 127 after July 1, 2000, any person applying for a distinctive license 128 129 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount 130 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all 131 132 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a 133 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established 134 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license 135 136 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of 137 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive 138 139 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 140 collector.

141 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the 142 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, 143 the State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected 144 under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute 145 such collections as follows:

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(a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee

147 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this 148 section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Commission for 149 Volunteer Service Fund created under Section 43-55-29.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
be deposited into the Mississippi Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn
Center Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

154 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
155 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
156 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
157 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
158 reconstruction of highways.

159 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under 160 161 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the 162 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under 163 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, 164 165 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license 166 tag.

In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license 167 (б) tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and 168 169 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by 170 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving 171 172 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee 173 174 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular 175 176 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 3. Section 43-55-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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43-55-29. (1) There is established in the State Treasury a

180 fund known as the "Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service Fund" (hereinafter referred to as "fund"). The fund shall consist 181 182 of monies obtained from contributions made pursuant to Section 27-7-90, and from the additional fees collected under Section 2 of 183 184 House Bill No. , 2000 Regular Session. Monies in the fund, 185 upon appropriation by the Legislature, may be expended by the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service, established in 186 Section 43-55-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, to carry out the 187 purposes of Sections 43-55-1 through 43-55-27, Mississippi Code of 188 189 1972. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any 190 191 interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. 192

SECTION 4. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is an 193 emergency medical technician certified under Chapter 59 of Title 194 195 41, Mississippi Code of 1972, upon payment of the road and bridge 196 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup 197 198 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this 199 200 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as an 201 202 emergency medical technician. The distinctive license tags so 203 issued shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of the Mississippi Department of 204 205 Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be 206 207 necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission. Applicants for the distinctive license tag shall present proof of their certification as an emergency medical technician to the county tax collector.

The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission within seven (7) days of the date the application is made. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

219 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or 220 after July 1, 2000, any person applying for a distinctive license 221 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount 222 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all 223 224 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established 225 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the 226 227 time the original application is made for a distinctive license 228 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of 229 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive 230 231 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 232 collector.

(4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee
collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Trauma Care
Systems Fund created under Section 41-59-75.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
be deposited into the Mississippi Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn
Center Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
reconstruction of highways.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as 251 252 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under 253 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the 254 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under 255 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license 256 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, 257 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license 258 tag.

259 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license 260 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and 261 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by 262 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving 263 264 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee 265 266 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be 267 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular 268 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

269 SECTION 5. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge 270 271 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup 272 273 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of 274 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (4) of this 275 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor 276 vehicle registered in his name, which license tag shall depict the 277 silhouettes of a dog and a cat and within a heart, and shall be 278 produced in such color and design as the State Tax Commission may 279 prescribe. The words "I Care for Animals" shall be centered at 280 the bottom of the license tag, with a silhouette on each side. 281 The State Tax Commission shall prescribe such letters or numbers, 282 or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

283 (2) Each person to whom a distinctive license tag is issued 284 under this section also shall be issued one (1) decal for 285 placement upon the distinctive license tag. The decal shall be 286 issued at the time that the distinctive license tag is issued and, 287 upon request of the applicant, once annually at the time of renewal registration. The State Tax Commission shall design, 288 289 produce and provide to the county tax collectors for distribution 290 a variety of decals, with each decal depicting the silhouette of a 291 dog, a cat, a horse or any other animal that the commission deems 292 appropriate and desirable. The applicant shall indicate to the 293 tax collector his or her choice of the decal to be issued. The 294 State Tax Commission shall adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary to prescribe proper placement of the decal on the 295 distinctive license tag. The decals may not be placed upon any 296 297 license tag except the distinctive license tag authorized to be issued under this section. 298

(3) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the

additional fee imposed under subsection (4) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission within seven (7) days of the date the application is made. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(4) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or 308 after July 1, 2000, any person applying for a distinctive license 309 310 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount 311 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all 312 313 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established 314 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the 315 time the original application is made for a distinctive license 316 317 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of 318 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive 319 320 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 321 collector.

322 (5) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the 323 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, 324 the State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected 325 under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute 326 such collections as follows:

327 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee
328 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
329 section shall be deposited into the special fund created in
330 Section 6 of this act.

331 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
332 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
333 be deposited into the Mississippi Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn
334 Center Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

335 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
336 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
337 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
338 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
339 reconstruction of highways.

(6) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as 340 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under 341 342 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the 343 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under 344 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) month 345 and year license decals for each distinctive license tag issued 346 under this section, which will expire the same month and year as 347 the license tag.

In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license 348 (7) 349 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and 350 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by 351 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving 352 353 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee 354 355 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be 356 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular 357 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

358 SECTION 6. (1) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known and designated as the "Animal Care Fund." 359 360 There shall be deposited in the fund (a) the additional fees 361 collected from the issuance of distinctive license tags under Section 5 of this act, (b) any gifts, grants, donations or 362 363 matching money from federal, state or local governmental bodies and private persons, associations, groups or corporations making 364 365 contributions to the fund; and (c) such other monies as the Legislature may appropriate or authorize to be deposited therein. 366 367 (2) The special fund created under subsection (1) of this

368 section shall be administered by the Mississippi Board of Animal 369 Health. Monies in the special fund shall be allocated and 370 distributed by the Mississippi Board of Animal Health to and among the boards of supervisors of each of the counties and the 371 372 governing authorities of municipalities in the state. Monies allocated, distributed and received by the boards of supervisors 373 374 and governing authorities (a) may be expended for the operation and support of county or municipal agencies, boards or departments 375 that provide food, shelter and care, and/or spaying and neutering, 376 377 of lost, abandoned or unwanted pets; (b) may be expended for the creation, development or expansion of such agencies, boards or 378 379 departments; or (c) may be donated by the boards of supervisors 380 and governing authorities to nonprofit groups, organizations and 381 associations that operate similar programs. However, priority for expenditure of such monies shall be given to spaying and neutering 382 383 programs. None of such monies may be expended for euthanasia.

(3) The Mississippi Board of Animal Health shall adopt rules and regulations governing the proper administration of the Animal Care Fund, and establishing guidelines and criteria for the distribution and allocation of monies in the fund, including qualifications for those groups, organizations and associations to which boards of supervisors and governing authorities may make donations.

391 SECTION 7. Section 69-15-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 392 amended as follows:

393 69-15-9. The Board of Animal Health shall have plenary power 394 to deal with all contagious and infectious diseases of animals as in the opinion of the board may be prevented, controlled or 395 eradicated, and with full power to make, promulgate and enforce 396 397 such rules and regulations as in the judgment of the board may be 398 necessary to control, eradicate and prevent the introduction and 399 spread of anthrax, tuberculosis, hog cholera, Texas and splenic 400 fever and the fever-carrying tick (margaropus annulatus), cattle

401 brucellosis, anaplasmosis, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis, 402 muscosal disease, cattle viral diarrhea, cattle scabies, sheep 403 scabies, hog cholera, swine erysipelas, swine brucellosis, equine 404 encephalomyelitis, rabies, vesicular diseases, salmonella group, 405 newcastle disease, infectious laryngotracheitis,

406 ornithosis-psittacosis, mycoplasma group and any suspected new 407 and/or foreign diseases of livestock and poultry and all other 408 diseases of animals in this state, and the board is hereby vested 409 with full authority to establish and maintain quarantine lines and 410 to quarantine by county, supervisors district, parcel of land or 411 The State Veterinarian shall appoint as many inspectors and herd. 412 range riders as may be deemed necessary, and the funds at his 413 disposal will permit, and shall delegate authority to said 414 inspectors and range riders, to enter premises to inspect and 415 disinfect livestock and premises, and enforce quarantine including 416 counties, farms, pens, stables and other premises.

417 No officer or agent of the State Veterinarian may enter the actual enclosures of any person except (1) with the consent of the 418 419 person lawfully in possession thereof or (2) in the absence of 420 such consent, with a proper writ obtained as in other cases of 421 searches and seizures under constitutional law. When such 422 officers and agents are lawfully on the premises, either by 423 permission or writ, they shall be authorized to inspect the 424 premises and the livestock and animals found thereon by entering 425 the enclosures and buildings and they are authorized to check 426 livestock and poultry found therein for any contagious diseases 427 and take proper action to control or eradicate any such diseases 428 that may be found. While such officers and agents are performing 429 their duties hereunder, they shall not be personally liable except 430 for gross negligence. The refusal without lawful reason of any 431 person to give the consent aforesaid shall be deemed a misdemeanor and shall be punishable as for violations of Article 5 of this 432 433 chapter as provided for in Section 69-15-115.

434 The Board of Animal Health shall administer the special fund created in Section 6 of House Bill No. , 2000 Regular Session. 435 436 SECTION 8. (1) Owners of motor vehicles upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of 437 438 motor vehicles, and upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law 439 440 for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other 441 noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00), shall be 442 443 issued a special license tag which displays an emblem designed by 444 the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

(2) The Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission
shall design an emblem which shall be displayed on the special
license tag. The emblem shall be affixed during the production of
the license tag.

449 (3) Application for the special license tags shall be made 450 to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the additional fee, less Two 451 452 Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be 453 remitted to the State Tax Commission within seven (7) days of the 454 date the application is made. The portion of the additional fee 455 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county 456 general fund.

457 (4) The special license tag shall be issued for a one-year 458 period. The additional annual fee shall be due and payable at the 459 time of renewal registration.

460 (5) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the 461 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, 462 the State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected 463 under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute 464 such collections as follows:

465 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee466 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this

467 section shall be deposited into the special fund created in 468 Section 9 of this act.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
be deposited into the Mississippi Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn
Center Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
reconstruction of highways.

478 (6) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under 479 480 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the 481 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) month 482 483 and year license decals for each distinctive license tag issued 484 under this section, which will expire the same month and year as 485 the license taq.

In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license 486 (7) 487 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and 488 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license 489 490 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and 491 492 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee 493 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be 494 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular 495 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

496 <u>SECTION 9.</u> There is created in the State Treasury a special 497 fund to be designated as the "Natural Resources Conservation 498 Education Fund." The fund shall consist of such monies as are 499 required to be deposited therein under Section 8 of this act; any

500 gifts, grants or other contributions from any federal, state or local government or any person, firm or corporation; and such 501 502 other monies as the Legislature may appropriate or authorize to be deposited into the fund. Monies in the fund may be used upon 503 504 appropriation by the Legislature, by the Mississippi Soil and 505 Water Conservation Commission to develop, produce and distribute 506 materials used to educate individuals, groups or both, as to the 507 natural resources of the State of Mississippi and the conservation 508 of such resources.

509 SECTION 10. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state and who is a member of Civitan 510 511 International, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege 512 taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other 513 noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional 514 515 fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, 516 shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a member of 517 518 Civitan International. The distinctive license tags so issued 519 shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission, 520 with the advice of Civitan International, may prescribe, and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary 521 522 to distinguish each license tag.

523 Application for the distinctive license tags authorized (2) by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms 524 525 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less 526 527 Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission within seven (7) days of the 528 529 date the application is made. The portion of the additional fee 530 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund. The portion of the additional fee remitted to the 531 532 State Tax Commission shall be deposited into the State Treasury on

533 the day it is received and shall be deposited by the State 534 Treasurer into the State General Fund.

535 Beginning with any registration year commencing on or (3) 536 after July 1, 2000, any person applying for a distinctive license 537 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag 538 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all 539 540 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a 541 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established 542 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license 543 544 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of 545 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive 546 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive 547 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 548 collector.

(4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee
collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
section shall be distributed to the Mississippi Chapter of Civitan
International. If there is no Mississippi Chapter of Civitan
International, then such additional fees shall be deposited into
the State General Fund.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
be deposited into the Mississippi Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn
Center Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

564 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee565 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this

566 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund 567 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or 568 reconstruction of highways.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as 569 570 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under 571 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the 572 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under 573 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license 574 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, 575 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license 576 tag.

In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license 577 (6) tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and 578 579 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by 580 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license 581 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving 582 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee 583 584 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be 585 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular 586 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 11. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a 587 588 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge 589 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup 590 591 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of 592 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor 593 594 vehicle registered in his name, which license tag shall display a wild animal native to the State of Mississippi and the words 595 596 "Wildlife Rehabilitation." The native Mississippi wild animal emblem shall be chosen by the Wildlife Rehabilitation and Nature 597 598 Preservation Society, Inc. (WRANPS), and the words "Wildlife

599 Rehabilitation" shall be affixed during the production of the 600 license tag. The State Tax Commission shall prescribe such 601 letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish 602 each license tag.

603 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized 604 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms 605 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the 606 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less 607 Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be 608 remitted to the State Tax Commission within seven (7) days of the 609 date the application is made. The portion of the additional fee 610 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county 611 general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or 612 after July 1, 2000, any person applying for a distinctive license 613 614 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount 615 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all 616 617 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established 618 619 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license 620 621 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of 622 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive 623 624 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 625 collector.

(4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
the State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected
under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute
such collections as follows:

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(a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee

632 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this 633 section shall be deposited into a special fund that is created in 634 the State Treasury to the credit of all Mississippi wildlife rehabilitation organizations collectively that hold current state 635 636 and federal licenses. The funds shall be made available at the 637 beginning of each calendar year to each wildlife rehabilitation 638 organization on a pro rata basis in accordance with the numbers of native wild animals each organization has rehabilitated for the 639 640 past year. These numbers shall be based on annual reports 641 currently submitted to the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, and the United States Fish and Wildlife 642 643 Service. It shall be the responsibility of the WRANPS to submit a 644 final tally of numbers for each licensed wildlife organization to the State Tax Commission before the commission's final 645 646 disbursement of funds. WRANPS shall further be responsible for 647 sending a copy of this tally to each licensed wildlife 648 rehabilitation organization.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
be deposited into the Mississippi Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn
Center Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
reconstruction of highways.

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

665 tag.

In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license 666 (6) 667 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by 668 669 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving 670 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and 671 672 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee 673 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be 674 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular 675 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

676 (7) Each licensed wildlife organization shall be responsible 677 for placement of a poster notifying the public of the availability 678 of the distinctive license tag at each courthouse within the organization's county. Each licensed wildlife organization shall 679 680 pay a pro rata share of any printing costs associated with the 681 poster to WRANPS within sixty (60) days of receipt of a billing 682 notice. Each organization may further market the tag at its own 683 expense.

SECTION 12. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a 684 685 resident of this state and who is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority or Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, upon payment of the road 686 687 and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees 688 as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup 689 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of 690 an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00), shall 691 be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor vehicle 692 registered in his name identifying such person as a member or supporter of such organization. The distinctive license tags so 693 694 issued shall display the Greek letter of the organization and 695 shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission may prescribe, and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, 696 697 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

698 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms 699 700 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the 701 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less 702 Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be 703 remitted to the State Tax Commission within seven (7) days of the 704 date the application is made. The portion of the additional fee 705 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county 706 general fund.

707 (3) The distinctive license tag shall be issued for a 708 one-year period. The additional annual fee shall be due and 709 payable at the time of renewal registration.

(4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee collected on the distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Coleman, Alexander, Possner Foundation.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on the distinctive license tags shall be deposited into the Mississippi Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn Center Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
reconstruction of highways.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the

tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) month and year license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the license tag.

In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license 736 (6) tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and 737 738 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license 739 740 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving 741 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and 742 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee 743 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be 744 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular 745 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

746 SECTION 13. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a 747 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as 748 749 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup 750 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of 751 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this 752 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor 753 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a 754 supporter of the Mississippi Sierra Club. The distinctive license 755 tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the State Tax 756 Commission, with the advice of the Mississippi Sierra Club, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, 757 758 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be

remitted to the State Tax Commission within seven (7) days of the date the application is made. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

768 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or 769 after July 1, 2000, any person applying for a distinctive license 770 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount 771 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all 772 773 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a 774 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established 775 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the 776 time the original application is made for a distinctive license 777 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of 778 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive 779 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive 780 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 781 collector.

(4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such collections as follows:

787 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee
788 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
789 section shall be distributed to the Mississippi Sierra Club.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
be deposited into the Mississippi Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn
Center Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund

797 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or 798 reconstruction of highways.

799 A regular license tag must be properly displayed as (5) 800 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under 801 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the 802 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under 803 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license 804 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, 805 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license 806 tag.

807 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license 808 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by 809 810 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license 811 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving 812 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and 813 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee 814 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be 815 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular 816 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

817 SECTION 14. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a 818 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge 819 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as 820 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of 821 822 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor 823 824 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a 825 supporter of Ducks Unlimited, Inc. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the State Tax 826 827 Commission, with the advice of Ducks Unlimited, Inc., may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, 828 829 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

830 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms 831 832 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less 833 834 Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission within seven (7) days of the 835 date the application is made. The portion of the additional fee 836 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county 837 838 general fund.

839 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or 840 after July 1, 2000, any person applying for a distinctive license 841 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag 842 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all 843 844 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a 845 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established 846 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license 847 848 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of 849 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive 850 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive 851 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 852 collector.

(4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee
collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
section shall be distributed to Ducks Unlimited, Inc.

861 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected 862 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall

863 be deposited into the Mississippi Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn 864 Center Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
reconstruction of highways.

870 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as 871 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under 872 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under 873 874 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license 875 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, 876 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license 877 tag.

878 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license 879 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by 880 881 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license 882 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving 883 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and 884 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee 885 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be 886 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section. 887

SECTION 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the date House Bill No. 862, 2000 Regular Session becomes effective.