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To: Ways and Means

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1259

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CODE SECTION TO BE CODIFIED AS SECTION  
2 27-19-56.15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE  
3 OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS TO MEMBERS OF CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL;  
4 TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH DISTINCTIVE  
5 LICENSE TAGS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section

8 27-19-56.15, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9 27-19-56.15. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a  
10 resident of this state and who is a member of Civitan  
11 International, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege  
12 taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law  
13 for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other  
14 noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional  
15 fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section,  
16 shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor vehicle  
17 registered in his name identifying such person as a member of  
18 Civitan International. The distinctive license tags so issued  
19 shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission,  
20 with the advice of Civitan International, may prescribe, and shall  
21 consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary  
22 to distinguish each license tag.

23 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
24 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
25 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the  
26 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
27 three percent (3%) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,

28 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission within seven (7)  
29 days of the date the application is made. The portion of the  
30 additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited  
31 into the county general fund. The portion of the additional fee  
32 remitted to the State Tax Commission shall be deposited into the  
33 State Treasury on the day it is received and shall be deposited by  
34 the State Treasurer into the State General Fund.

35 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or  
36 after July 1, 2000, any person applying for a distinctive license  
37 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount  
38 of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) for each distinctive license tag  
39 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all  
40 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a  
41 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established  
42 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the  
43 time the original application is made for a distinctive license  
44 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of  
45 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive  
46 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive  
47 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax  
48 collector.

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

57 (5) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
58 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
59 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
60 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
61 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
62 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
63 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
64 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be

65 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular  
66 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

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