AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE TAX COMMISSION TO ISSUE SPECIAL IN-TRANSIT TAGS OR PLATES TO MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS AND AUTOMOBILE AUCTIONS FOR THE MOVEMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FROM THE PLACE OF BUSINESS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER OR AUTOMOBILE AUCTION TO THE PLACE OF BUSINESS OF ANOTHER MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER OR AUTOMOBILE AUCTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE SALE OF SUCH VEHICLE TO SUCH MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER OR AUTOMOBILE AUCTION; TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE TAX COMMISSION TO ISSUE SPECIAL TEMPORARY TAGS OR PLATES TO MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS AND AUTOMOBILE AUCTIONS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES SOLD BY A MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER OR AUTOMOBILE AUCTION TO A NONRESIDENT OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND FOR MOTOR VEHICLES SOLD BY A MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER OR AUTOMOBILE AUCTION TO A MISSISSIPPI RESIDENT WHO MAY TEMPORARILY EXIT THE STATE BEFORE OBTAINING A STATE TAG OR PLATE; TO PRESCRIBE THE FEE FOR SUCH TAGS OR PLATES; TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE MISUSE OF SUCH TAGS OR PLATES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. (1) A motor vehicle dealer or automobile auction may apply to the State Tax Commission for special in-transit tags or plates, which when properly displayed shall authorize the motor vehicle dealer or automobile auction to operate a motor vehicle upon the highways of this state without paying the annual highway privilege tax upon such vehicle and without attaching any other license tag or plate to such vehicle, if:

(a) The movement of the motor vehicle is for the purpose of sale of such vehicle to another motor vehicle dealer or automobile auction;

(b) The motor vehicle is being moved from the place of business of one motor vehicle dealer or automobile auction to the place of business of another motor vehicle dealer or automobile auction; and

(c) The special in-transit tag or plate is displayed in plain view on the motor vehicle in the manner prescribed by the
State Tax Commission.

(2) A motor vehicle dealer or automobile auction may apply for a temporary tag or plate to be used when a motor vehicle in this state is sold by the motor vehicle dealer or automobile auction to a nonresident of the State of Mississippi or when a motor vehicle is sold by a motor vehicle dealer or automobile auction to a Mississippi resident who may temporarily exit this state before obtaining a Mississippi tag or plate. Such tag or plate when properly displayed shall authorize the purchaser of such a motor vehicle to operate the motor vehicle upon the highways of this state. The temporary tag or plate shall be valid for a period of seven (7) full working days, exclusive of the date of purchase, after the date the motor vehicle is purchased.

(3) The State Tax Commission shall issue such tags or plates to each motor vehicle dealer or automobile auction who applies for them upon payment of a fee in an amount equal to Two Dollars ($2.00) for each in-transit tag or plate and Five Dollars ($5.00) for each temporary tag or plate.

(4) The tags or plates authorized pursuant to this section shall be designed by the State Tax Commission. The State Tax Commission shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement this section, including, but not limited to, rules and regulations establishing procedures for issuing such tags or plates and for the use and display of such tags or plates. Each motor vehicle dealer or automobile auction who is issued tags or plates pursuant to this section shall keep such records as may be required by the State Tax Commission.

(5) Any motor vehicle dealer or automobile auction who uses a tag or plate issued pursuant to this section for a purpose that is not authorized by this section, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) and the use of all tags or plates issued to such motor vehicle dealer or automobile
auction pursuant to this section shall be suspended for a period
of one (1) year.

(6) As used in this section, the terms "motor vehicle
dealer" and "automobile auction" shall have the meanings ascribed
to such terms in Section 27-19-303, Mississippi Code of 1972.

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