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To: Ways and Means

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 488

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS  
2 TO MEMBERS OF LIONS OF MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF  
3 DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSISSIPPI VETERANS  
4 MONUMENT; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS IN  
5 SUPPORT OF MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC EDUCATION; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE  
6 OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS TO ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED  
7 STATES ARMED SERVICES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE  
8 LICENSE TAGS FOR DULY ELECTED CONSTABLES; TO AUTHORIZE THE  
9 ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS FOR MEMBERS OF THE  
10 MISSISSIPPI STATE GUARD; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE  
11 LICENSE TAGS IN SUPPORT OF THE INSTITUTE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES,  
12 INCORPORATED; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE  
13 TAGS TO MEMBERS OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE  
14 OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS TO MEMBERS OF SOCIETIES SUCH AS  
15 ACADEMIC, PROFESSIONAL, HONORARY, MASONIC, OR SO-CALLED GREEK  
16 LETTER FRATERNITIES OR SORORITIES, OR SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS THAT  
17 ARE IN GOOD STANDING AT ANY OF THE EIGHT STATE INSTITUTIONS OF  
18 HIGHER LEARNING; TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE DISTINCTIVE  
19 LICENSE TAGS AUTHORIZED IN THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE FOR THE  
20 DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH ADDITIONAL FEES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

22 SECTION 1. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a member  
23 of Lions of Mississippi, upon payment of the road and bridge  
24 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as  
25 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup  
26 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of  
27 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this  
28 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor  
29 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a member  
30 of Lions of Mississippi. The distinctive license tags so issued  
31 shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission,  
32 with the advice of Lions of Mississippi, may prescribe and shall  
33 consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary  
34 to distinguish each license tag.

35 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
36 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms



37 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the  
38 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
39 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
40 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis  
41 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional  
42 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the  
43 county general fund.

44 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or  
45 after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license  
46 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount  
47 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag  
48 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all  
49 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a  
50 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established  
51 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the  
52 time the original application is made for a distinctive license  
53 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of  
54 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive  
55 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive  
56 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax  
57 collector.

58 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the  
59 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
60 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the  
61 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the  
62 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
63 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

64 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee  
65 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
66 section shall be distributed to Lions Sight Foundation of  
67 Mississippi, Inc.

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



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

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

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

85 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
86 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
87 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
88 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
89 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
90 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
91 deposit in the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
92 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be  
93 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular  
94 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

95 SECTION 2. (1) Any owners of a motor vehicle who is a  
96 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws  
97 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon  
98 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes  
99 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of  
100 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,  
101 and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in  
102 subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive



103 license tag in recognition of his support for the Mississippi  
104 Veterans Monument. The distinctive license tags so issued shall  
105 be of such color and design as may be determined finally by the  
106 State Tax Commission based upon three (3) recommendations  
107 presented to the State Tax Commission by the Mississippi Veterans  
108 Monument Commission, and ranked in order of preference by the  
109 Mississippi Veterans Monument Commission.

110 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
111 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
112 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the  
113 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
114 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector as  
115 a processing fee, shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on  
116 a monthly basis as prescribed by the commission. The portion of  
117 the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be  
118 deposited into the county general fund. Distinctive license tags  
119 issued under this section shall be issued within forty-five (45)  
120 days after application is made.

121 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or  
122 after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license  
123 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount  
124 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag  
125 applied for under this section which shall be in addition to all  
126 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a  
127 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established  
128 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the  
129 time the original application is made for a distinctive license  
130 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of  
131 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive  
132 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive  
133 license tag, or if the owner sells or transfers the vehicle he,  
134 may surrender the license tag to the local county tax collector  
135 and receive a certificate of credit toward the purchase of a tag



136 on another vehicle as otherwise provided by law. Distinctive  
137 license tags issued under this section may be transferred by the  
138 owner to any other vehicle owned by him upon payment of the  
139 regular taxes and fees for a license tag for that vehicle.

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

146 (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 special fund created in  
149 subsection (7) of this section.

150 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
151 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall  
152 be deposited into the Mississippi Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn  
153 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  
160 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under  
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  
164 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,  
165 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license  
166 tag.

167 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
168 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and



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

177 (7) There is established in the State Treasury a special  
178 fund which shall consist of monies required to be deposited  
179 therein under subsection (4) of this section. Monies in the  
180 special fund, upon Legislative appropriation, may be expended by  
181 the Mississippi Veterans Monument Commission for the purpose of  
182 performing any of the duties of the commission under Chapter 15 of  
183 Title 55, Mississippi Code of 1972. Unexpended amounts remaining  
184 in the special fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse  
185 into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment  
186 earnings on amounts in the special fund shall be deposited to the  
187 credit of the special fund.

188 SECTION 3. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a  
189 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge  
190 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as  
191 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup  
192 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of  
193 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this  
194 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor  
195 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a  
196 supporter of Mississippi public education. The distinctive  
197 license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the  
198 State Tax Commission, with the advice of the State Board of  
199 Education, may prescribe, and shall consist of such letters or  
200 numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license  
201 tag.



202           (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
203 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
204 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the  
205 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
206 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
207 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis  
208 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional  
209 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the  
210 county general fund.

211           (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or  
212 after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license  
213 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount  
214 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag  
215 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all  
216 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a  
217 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established  
218 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the  
219 time the original application is made for a distinctive license  
220 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of  
221 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive  
222 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive  
223 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax  
224 collector.

225           (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the  
226 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
227 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the  
228 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the  
229 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
230 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

231           (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee  
232 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
233 section shall be deposited into the Public Education Support Fund



234 created under Section 4 of House Bill No. 488, 2001 Regular  
235 Session.

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

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

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

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

264 SECTION 4. (1) There is established in the State Treasury a  
265 fund known as the "Mississippi Public Education Support Fund"  
266 (hereinafter referred to as "fund"). The fund shall consist of





267 monies required to be deposited therein under Section 3 of House  
268 Bill No. 488, 2001, Regular Session, and such other monies as the  
269 Legislature may authorize or direct to be deposited into the fund.  
270 Monies in the fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, may be  
271 expended by the Mississippi Department of Education to develop,  
272 implement and administer reading, character education and drop-out  
273 prevention programs. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at  
274 the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General  
275 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in  
276 the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

277       SECTION 5. (1) In recognition of the patriotic services  
278 rendered the United States, Mississippi and the citizens thereof,  
279 any resident of the state who is on active duty with the Armed  
280 Forces of the United States, upon payment of the road and bridge  
281 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as  
282 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup  
283 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of  
284 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this  
285 section, shall be issued a distinctive motor vehicle license plate  
286 or tag identifying him as an active duty member of the United  
287 States Armed Forces. The distinctive license tags so issued shall  
288 be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission may  
289 prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both,  
290 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

291       (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
292 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
293 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. Applicants for the  
294 distinctive license tag shall present proof of their active duty  
295 membership in the United States Armed Services to the county tax  
296 collector. The application and the additional fee imposed under  
297 subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be  
298 retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the State Tax  
299 Commission on a monthly basis as prescribed by the commission.



300 The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector  
301 shall be deposited into the county general fund.

302 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or  
303 after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license  
304 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount  
305 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag  
306 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all  
307 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a  
308 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established  
309 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the  
310 time the original application is made for a distinctive license  
311 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of  
312 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive  
313 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive  
314 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax  
315 collector.

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

321 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee  
322 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
323 section shall be deposited into a special fund that is created in  
324 the State Treasury. Monies in the fund may be expended by the  
325 Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board for the maintenance,  
326 operation and administration of state veterans homes.

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

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



333 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund  
334 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or  
335 reconstruction of highways.

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

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

354 SECTION 6. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a duly  
355 elected constable, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege  
356 taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law  
357 for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other  
358 noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional  
359 fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section,  
360 shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle  
361 registered in his name identifying the person as a constable. The  
362 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and  
363 design as the State Tax Commission may prescribe and shall consist  
364 of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to  
365 distinguish each license tag.



366           (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
367 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
368 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the  
369 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
370 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
371 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis  
372 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional  
373 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the  
374 county general fund.

375           (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or  
376 after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license  
377 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount  
378 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag  
379 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all  
380 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a  
381 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established  
382 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the  
383 time the original application is made for a distinctive license  
384 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of  
385 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive  
386 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive  
387 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax  
388 collector.

389           (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the  
390 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
391 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the  
392 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the  
393 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
394 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

395           (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee  
396 collected on distinctive license tags issued under this section  
397 shall be deposited into the State General Fund.



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

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

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

415           (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
416 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
417 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
418 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
419 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
420 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
421 deposit in the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
422 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be  
423 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular  
424 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

425           SECTION 7. (1) In recognition of their patriotic services  
426 rendered the state and the citizens thereof, any owner of a motor  
427 vehicle who is a member of the Mississippi State Guard established  
428 under Section 33-5-51, upon application and payment of the road  
429 and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees  
430 as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup



431 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of  
432 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this  
433 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor  
434 vehicle registered in his name identifying the person as a member  
435 of the Mississippi State Guard. The distinctive license tags so  
436 issued shall be of such color and design as the State Tax  
437 Commission, with the advice of the Mississippi State Guard, may  
438 prescribe, shall bear the words "Mississippi State Guard," and  
439 shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be  
440 necessary to distinguish each license tag.

441 (2) The distinctive license tags authorized in this section  
442 shall be prepared by the State Tax Commission and shall be issued  
443 through the tax collectors of the several counties of the state in  
444 the same manner as are other motor vehicle license tags, and the  
445 tax collectors shall be entitled to their regular fees for their  
446 services. Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
447 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
448 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. Applicants for the  
449 distinctive license tags shall present to the tax collector proof  
450 of their membership in the Mississippi State Guard by means of a  
451 certificate signed by the commanding officer of the applicant on  
452 forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and  
453 the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section,  
454 less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax  
455 collector, shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a  
456 monthly basis as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the  
457 additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited  
458 into the county general fund.

459 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or  
460 after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license  
461 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount  
462 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag  
463 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all



464 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a  
465 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established  
466 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the  
467 time the original application is made for a distinctive license  
468 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of  
469 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive  
470 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive  
471 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax  
472 collector.

473 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the  
474 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
475 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the  
476 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the  
477 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
478 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

479 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee  
480 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
481 section shall be deposited into the State General Fund.

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

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

491 (5) The distinctive license tags shall be used only upon and  
492 for personally or jointly owned private passenger vehicles  
493 (including station wagons, recreational motor vehicles and pickup  
494 trucks) registered in the name, or jointly in the name, of the  
495 member making application therefor, and when so issued to the



496 applicant, shall be used upon the vehicle for which issued in lieu  
497 of the standard license tag normally issued for the vehicle.

498 (6) The distinctive license tags issued under this section  
499 shall not be transferable between motor vehicle owners. If the  
500 owner of a vehicle bearing a distinctive license tag sells,  
501 trades, exchanges or otherwise disposes of the vehicle, the tag  
502 shall be retained by the owner to whom issued and returned by the  
503 owner to the tax collector of the county.

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

512 (8) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
513 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
514 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
515 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
516 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
517 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
518 deposit in the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
519 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be  
520 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular  
521 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

522 SECTION 8. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a  
523 supporter of community social services programs sponsored by the  
524 Institute of Community Services, Incorporated, upon payment of the  
525 road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration  
526 fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers,  
527 pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon  
528 payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection





529 (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for  
530 any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person  
531 as a supporter of the Institute of Community Services,  
532 Incorporated. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of  
533 such color and design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice  
534 of the Institute of Community Services, Incorporated, may  
535 prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both,  
536 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

537 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
538 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
539 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the  
540 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
541 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
542 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis  
543 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional  
544 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the  
545 county general fund.

546 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or  
547 after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license  
548 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount  
549 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag  
550 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all  
551 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a  
552 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established  
553 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the  
554 time the original application is made for a distinctive license  
555 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of  
556 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive  
557 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive  
558 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax  
559 collector.

560 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the  
561 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,



562 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the  
563 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the  
564 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
565 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

566 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee  
567 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
568 section shall be distributed to the Institute of Community  
569 Services, Incorporated.

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

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

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

587 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
588 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
589 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
590 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
591 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
592 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
593 deposit in the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
594 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be



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

597       SECTION 9. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a member  
598 of Knights of Columbus, upon payment of the road and bridge  
599 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as  
600 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup  
601 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of  
602 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this  
603 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor  
604 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a member  
605 of Knights of Columbus. The distinctive license tags so issued  
606 shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission,  
607 with the advice of Knights of Columbus, may prescribe and shall  
608 consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary  
609 to distinguish each license tag.

610       (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
611 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
612 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the  
613 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
614 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
615 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis  
616 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional  
617 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the  
618 county general fund.

619       (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or  
620 after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license  
621 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount  
622 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag  
623 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all  
624 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a  
625 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established  
626 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the  
627 time the original application is made for a distinctive license



628 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of  
629 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive  
630 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive  
631 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax  
632 collector.

633 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the  
634 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
635 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the  
636 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the  
637 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
638 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

639 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee  
640 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
641 section shall be distributed to Knights of Columbus of  
642 Mississippi.

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

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

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



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

670           SECTION 10. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a  
671 member of any society such as academic, professional, honorary,  
672 Masonic, or so-called Greek letter fraternities or sororities, or  
673 similar organization whether of a local or connectional character  
674 that is established under Section 37-111-1 et seq., upon payment  
675 of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and  
676 registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of  
677 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,  
678 and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in  
679 subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive  
680 license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name  
681 identifying such person as a member of such a society or  
682 organization. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of  
683 such color and design as the State Tax Commission may prescribe  
684 and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be  
685 necessary to distinguish each license tag.

686           (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
687 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
688 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the  
689 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
690 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
691 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis  
692 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional



693 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the  
694 county general fund.

695 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or  
696 after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license  
697 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount  
698 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag  
699 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all  
700 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a  
701 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established  
702 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the  
703 time the original application is made for a distinctive license  
704 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of  
705 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive  
706 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive  
707 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax  
708 collector.

709 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the  
710 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
711 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the  
712 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the  
713 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
714 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

715 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee  
716 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
717 section shall be deposited into the State General Fund.

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

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



725 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or  
726 reconstruction of highways.

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

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

745 SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
746 and after July 1, 2001.

