HOUSE BILL NO. 488
(As Passed the House)

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS TO MEMBERS OF LIONS OF MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSISSIPPI VETERANS MONUMENT; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS IN SUPPORT OF MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC EDUCATION; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS TO ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS FOR DULY ELECTED CONSTABLES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS FOR MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE GUARD; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS IN SUPPORT OF THE INSTITUTE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS TO MEMBERS OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS TO MEMBERS OF SOCIETIES SUCH AS ACADEMIC, PROFESSIONAL, HONORARY, MASONIC, OR SO-CALLED GREEK LETTER FRATERNITIES OR SORORITIES, OR SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE IN GOOD STANDING AT ANY OF THE EIGHT STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS TO GRADUATES OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY AND STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE ACADEMY; TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS AUTHORIZED IN THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH ADDITIONAL FEES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a member of Lions of Mississippi, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a member of Lions of Mississippi. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of Lions of Mississippi, may prescribe and shall
consist of such letters or numbers, or both, 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) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis
as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional
fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license
tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
of Thirty Dollars ($30.00) for each distinctive license tag
applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
time the original application is made for a distinctive license
tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
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 to the State Treasurer the
total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
Treasurer 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 Lions Sight Foundation of Mississippi, Inc.

(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 tag.

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

SECTION 2. (1) Any owners of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes

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and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag in recognition of his support for the Mississippi Veterans Monument. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as may be determined finally by the State Tax Commission based upon three (3) recommendations presented to the State Tax Commission by the Mississippi Veterans Monument Commission, and ranked in order of preference by the Mississippi Veterans Monument Commission.

(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) thereof to be retained by the tax collector as a processing fee, shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund. Distinctive license tags issued under this section shall be issued within forty-five (45) days after application is made.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars ($30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, or if the owner sells or transfers the vehicle he, may surrender the license tag to the local county tax collector and receive a certificate of credit toward the purchase of a tag on another vehicle as otherwise provided by law. Distinctive license tags issued under this section may be transferred by the owner to any other vehicle owned by him upon payment of the regular taxes and fees for a license tag for that vehicle.

(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 to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of distinctive license tags under this section. The State Treasurer 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 special fund created in subsection (7) of this section.

(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 tag.

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

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

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

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State Tax Commission, with the advice of the State Board of Education, may prescribe, and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, 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) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars ($30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 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 to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer 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 Public Education Support Fund created under Section 4 of House Bill No. 488, 2001 Regular Session.

(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 tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars ($10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed proportionately in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.
SECTION 4. (1) There is established in the State Treasury a fund known as the "Mississippi Public Education Support Fund" (hereinafter referred to as "fund"). The fund shall consist of monies required to be deposited therein under Section 3 of House Bill No. 488, 2001, Regular Session, and such other monies as the Legislature may authorize or direct to be deposited into the fund. Monies in the fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, may be expended by the Mississippi Department of Education to develop, implement and administer reading, character education and drop-out prevention programs. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

SECTION 5. (1) In recognition of the patriotic services rendered the United States, Mississippi and the citizens thereof, any resident of the state who is on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag identifying him as an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, 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. Applicants for the distinctive license tag shall present proof of their active duty membership in the United States Armed Services 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 on a monthly basis as prescribed by the commission.
The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector
shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license
tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
of Thirty Dollars ($30.00) for each distinctive license tag
applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
time the original application is made for a distinctive license
tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
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 a special fund that is created in
the State Treasury. Monies in the fund may be expended by the
Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board for the maintenance,
operation and administration of state veterans homes.

(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 tag.

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

SECTION 6. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a duly elected constable, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying the person as a constable. The
distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, 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) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars ($30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 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 to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:
(a) Twenty-five Dollars ($25.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued under this section shall be deposited into the State General Fund.

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

(c) Two Dollars ($2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued under 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 tag.

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

SECTION 7. (1) In recognition of their patriotic services rendered the state and the citizens thereof, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a member of the Mississippi State Guard established...
under Section 33-5-51, upon application and payment of the road
and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees
as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
vehicle registered in his name identifying the person as a member
of the Mississippi State Guard. The distinctive license tags so
issued shall be of such color and design as the State Tax
Commission, with the advice of the Mississippi State Guard, may
prescribe, shall bear the words "Mississippi State Guard," and
shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be
necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) The distinctive license tags authorized in this section
shall be prepared by the State Tax Commission and shall be issued
through the tax collectors of the several counties of the state in
the same manner as are other motor vehicle license tags, and the
tax collectors shall be entitled to their regular fees for their
services. 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 tags shall present to the tax collector proof
of their membership in the Mississippi State Guard by means of a
certificate signed by the commanding officer of the applicant 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) thereof to be retained by the tax
collector, shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a
monthly basis as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the
additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited
into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license
tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars ($30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 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 to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer 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 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.

(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) The distinctive license tags shall be used only upon and for personally or jointly owned private passenger vehicles (including station wagons, recreational motor vehicles and pickup
trucks) registered in the name, or jointly in the name, of the member making application therefor, and when so issued to the applicant, shall be used upon the vehicle for which issued in lieu of the standard license tag normally issued for the vehicle.

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

(7) 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 tag.

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

SECTION 8. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a supporter of community social services programs sponsored by the Institute of Community Services, Incorporated, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers,
pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon 
payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection 
(3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for 
any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person 
as a supporter of the Institute of Community Services, 
Incorporated. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of 
such color and design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice 
of the Institute of Community Services, Incorporated, may 
preserve and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, 
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) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, 
shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis 
as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional 
fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the 
county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or 
after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license 
tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount 
of Thirty Dollars ($30.00) for each distinctive license tag 
applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all 
other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a 
period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established 
license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the 
time the original application is made for a distinctive license 
tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of 
renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive 
license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive 
license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 
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 to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer 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 Institute of Community Services, Incorporated.

(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 tag.

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

SECTION 9.  (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a member
of Knights of Columbus, upon payment of the road and bridge
privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a member
of Knights of Columbus. The distinctive license tags so issued
shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission,
with the advice of Knights of Columbus, may prescribe and shall
consist of such letters or numbers, or both, 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) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis
as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional
fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license
tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
of Thirty Dollars ($30.00) for each distinctive license tag
applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
time the original application is made for a distinctive license
tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
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 to the State Treasurer the
total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
Treasurer 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 Knights of Columbus of
Mississippi.

(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 tag.

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

SECTION 10. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a member of any society such as academic, professional, honorary, Masonic, or so-called Greek letter fraternities or sororities, or similar organization whether of a local or connectional character that is established under Section 37-111-1 et seq., upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a member of such a society or organization. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, 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) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars ($30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 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 to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer 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 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.

(c) Two Dollars ($2.00) 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.
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
tag.

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

SECTION 11. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
graduate of the United States Naval Academy or a student enrolled
at the United States Naval Academy, upon complying with the motor
vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor
vehicles, and upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes,
ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for
private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other
noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional
fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section,
shall be issued a distinctive license tag which displays the
emblem of the United States Naval Academy. The distinctive
license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the
State Tax Commission may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, 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) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Fifty Dollars ($50.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 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 to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Thirty-two Dollars and Fifty Cents ($32.50) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued
pursuant to this section 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.

(c) Fourteen Dollars and Fifty Cents ($14.50) 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 tag.

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

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2001.