

By: Representative Eads

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 627

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO INCREASE THE ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED TO BE COLLECTED FOR
3 ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS DISPLAYING THE EMBLEM OF
4 PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES LOCATED IN OTHER STATES; TO PROVIDE THAT
5 PROCEEDS FROM THE INCREASED FEE SHALL BE DEPOSITED TO THE CREDIT
6 OF THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND AND EXPENDED SOLELY FOR THE REPAIR,
7 MAINTENANCE, CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS; AND FOR
8 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 SECTION 1. Section 27-19-56.15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
11 amended as follows:

12 27-19-56.15. (1) (a) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
13 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws
14 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon
15 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes
16 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of
17 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,
18 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount of
19 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), shall be issued a distinctive license tag
20 that displays the emblem of any public university of his choice
21 located in another state.

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

29 (c) Application for the distinctive license tag
30 authorized under this subsection shall be made to the county tax



31 collector on forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The
32 application and the additional fee, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be
33 retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the State Tax
34 Commission within seven (7) days of the date that the application
35 is made. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax
36 collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

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

43 (i) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of the additional
44 fees collected from each distinctive license tag issued under this
45 subsection shall be distributed to the World War II Veterans
46 Memorial in Washington, D.C. However, when the amounts
47 distributed to the World War II Veterans Memorial reaches an
48 aggregate amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00),
49 then Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of such additional fees shall be
50 deposited into the State General Fund.

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

55 (iii) Twenty-two Dollars (\$22.00) of each
56 additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued
57 pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the
58 State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair,
59 maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

60 (2) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
61 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
62 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
63 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under



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

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

78 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
79 and after July 1, 2001.

