

By: Representative Roberson

To: Transportation; Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 635

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 63-13-11 AND 63-13-19, MISSISSIPPI
 2 CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE OFFICIAL MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION
 3 STATIONS AND MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM VEHICLE
 4 SAFETY INSPECTIONS TO PRESENT A RECEIPT TO THE OPERATOR OF EACH
 5 VEHICLE FOR WHICH A CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION IS ISSUED; TO AMEND
 6 SECTION 27-19-43, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT A TAX
 7 COLLECTOR FROM ISSUING A LICENSE TAG OR SUBSTITUTE TAG OR DECAL
 8 FOR ANY VEHICLE REQUIRED TO BE INSPECTED UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI
 9 MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION LAW UNLESS THE APPLICANT PRESENTS
 10 TO THE TAX COLLECTOR A RECEIPT INDICATING THAT A VALID OFFICIAL
 11 CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR THE VEHICLE; AND FOR
 12 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

14 SECTION 1. Section 63-13-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
 15 amended as follows:

16 63-13-11. (1) A fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) shall be
 17 charged for an inspection and issuance of a certificate of
 18 inspection for vehicles registered in this state. A fee of Ten
 19 Dollars (\$10.00) shall be charged for an inspection and issuance
 20 of a certificate of inspection for vehicles registered in another
 21 state unless a reciprocal agreement, as provided for in Section
 22 63-13-7 has been approved, in which event no Mississippi
 23 certificate of inspection shall be required. The fee for state
 24 registered vehicles shall include a charge of Two Dollars (\$2.00)
 25 per certificate of inspection, which shall be remitted to the
 26 Mississippi Department of Public Safety. The fee for motor
 27 vehicles registered in another state includes a charge of Nine
 28 Dollars (\$9.00) per certificate of inspection, which shall be
 29 remitted to the Department of Public Safety. The funds so
 30 received by the department shall be deposited in the General Fund
 31 of the State Treasury in accordance with the provisions of Section



32 45-1-23(2). The portion of the fee which is not remitted to the
33 department may be retained by the official inspection stations.

34 (2) At the time that a certificate of inspection is issued,
35 the official issuing the certificate shall provide to the operator
36 of the vehicle an official receipt on a form prescribed by the
37 Commissioner of Public Safety. The receipt shall contain the
38 vehicle's identification number (VIN); the make, model and color
39 of the vehicle; the license tag number of the vehicle, including
40 year and month of expiration; and such other information as the
41 Commissioner of Public Safety may prescribe. The receipt shall be
42 retained by the vehicle owner and presented to the tax collector
43 at the time of registration or renewal of a license tag for the
44 vehicle.

45 SECTION 2. Section 63-13-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
46 amended as follows:

47 63-13-19. (1) Every licensed new and used car and/or truck
48 dealer doing business in this state shall inspect or have
49 inspected every new and used vehicle sold by such dealer in the
50 manner prescribed by Section 63-13-9, and shall affix an official
51 dealer's inspection certificate, which shall be furnished by the
52 commissioner of public safety, to each new and used vehicle, if
53 such dealer is authorized to make inspections. If such dealer is
54 not so authorized, such dealer shall have such vehicle inspected
55 by an authorized inspection station. No new or used vehicle shall
56 be sold that does not have a properly affixed and current
57 inspection certificate. Such certificates shall be valid until
58 the next official inspection is required.

59 (2) At the time that a certificate of inspection is issued,
60 the dealer or official issuing the certificate shall provide to
61 the operator of the vehicle an official receipt on a form as
62 prescribed in Section 63-13-11(2). The receipt shall be retained
63 by the vehicle owner and presented to the tax collector at the
64 time of registration or renewal of a license tag for the vehicle.



65 (3) The Commissioner of Public Safety may suspend or revoke,
66 for any reasonable time not to exceed one year, the privilege of
67 any dealer to make such an inspection and affix such dealer's
68 inspection certificate to his vehicle upon abuse of any dealer of
69 this right.

70 (4) No person or persons other than those described in this
71 section shall issue a dealer's certificate of inspection and
72 approval.

73 SECTION 3. Section 27-19-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
74 amended as follows:

75 27-19-43. (1) License tags, substitute tags and decals for
76 individual fleets and for private carriers of passengers, school
77 buses (excluding school buses owned by a school district in the
78 state), church buses, taxicabs, ambulances, hearses, motorcycles
79 and private carriers of property, and private commercial carriers
80 of property of a gross weight of ten thousand (10,000) pounds and
81 less, shall be sold and issued by the tax collectors of the
82 several counties. However, no license tag or substitute tag or
83 decals shall be issued by a tax collector for any vehicle required
84 to be inspected under the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Safety
85 Inspection Law unless the applicant presents to the tax collector
86 at the time of registration or renewal of a license tag or decal
87 for the vehicle a receipt issued under Chapter 13, Title 63,
88 Mississippi Code of 1972, indicating that a valid official
89 certificate of inspection has been issued for the vehicle.

90 (2) Applications for license tags for motor vehicles in a
91 corporate fleet registered under Section 27-19-66, and
92 applications for all other license tags, substitute tags and
93 decals shall be filed with the commission or the local tax
94 collector of the respective counties and forwarded to the
95 commission for issuance to the applicant. All tags and decals for
96 vehicles owned by the state or any agency or instrumentality
97 thereof, and vehicles owned by a fire protection district, school



98 district or a county or municipality, and all vehicles owned by a
99 road, drainage or levee district shall be issued by the
100 commission.

101 (3) In addition to the privilege taxes levied herein, there
102 shall be collected the following registration or tag fee:

103 (a) For the issuance of both a license tag and two (2)
104 decals, a fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00).

105 (b) For the issuance of up to two (2) decals only, a
106 fee of Three Dollars and Seventy-five Cents (\$3.75).

107 No tag or decal shall be issued either by a tax collector or
108 by the commission without the collection of such registration fee
109 except substitute tags and decals and license tags for vehicles
110 owned by the State of Mississippi.

111 Beginning July 1, 1987, and until the date specified in
112 Section 65-39-35, there shall be levied a registration fee of Five
113 Dollars (\$5.00) in addition to the regular registration fee
114 imposed in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection. Such
115 additional registration fee shall be levied in the same manner as
116 the regular registration fee.

117 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from
118 and after July 1, 2001.

