

By: Representative Snowden

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1059

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CODE SECTION 27-19-56.32, MISSISSIPPI  
2 CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE  
3 TAGS FOR MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE GUARD; AND FOR RELATED  
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section  
7 27-19-56.32, Mississippi Code of 1972:

8 27-19-56.32. (1) In recognition of their patriotic services  
9 rendered the state and the citizens thereof, any owner of a motor  
10 vehicle who is a member of the Mississippi State Guard established  
11 under Section 33-5-51, upon application and payment of the road  
12 and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees  
13 as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup  
14 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and subject to the  
15 provisions of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license  
16 tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying the  
17 person as a member of the Mississippi State Guard. The  
18 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and  
19 design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of the  
20 Mississippi State Guard, may prescribe, shall bear the words  
21 "Mississippi State Guard," and shall consist of such letters or  
22 numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license  
23 tag.

24 (2) The distinctive license tags authorized in this section  
25 shall be prepared by the State Tax Commission and shall be issued  
26 through the tax collectors of the several counties of the state in  
27 the same manner as are other motor vehicle license tags, and the

28 tax collectors shall be entitled to their regular fees for their  
29 services. Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
30 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
31 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. Applicants for the  
32 distinctive license tags shall present to the tax collector proof  
33 of their membership in the Mississippi State Guard by means of a  
34 certificate signed by the commanding officer of the applicant on  
35 forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application  
36 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission within seven (7)  
37 days of the date the application is made.

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

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

51 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as  
52 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under  
53 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the  
54 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under  
55 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license  
56 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,  
57 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license  
58 tag.

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

61 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
62 Section 27-19-37.

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