

By: Representative Gadd

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1242

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 IN THE INSTITUTE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED; TO  
 4 PROVIDE THAT A PORTION OF THE FEES COLLECTED FOR SUCH DISTINCTIVE  
 5 LICENSE TAGS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE INSTITUTE OF COMMUNITY  
 6 SERVICES, INCORPORATED, THE MISSISSIPPI FIRE FIGHTER'S MEMORIAL  
 7 BURN CENTER FUND AND THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND; AND FOR RELATED  
 8 PURPOSES.

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

10 SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section  
 11 27-19-56.32, Mississippi Code of 1972:

12 27-19-56.32. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a  
 13 supporter of community social services programs sponsored by the  
 14 Institute of Community Services, Incorporated, upon payment of the  
 15 road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration  
 16 fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers,  
 17 pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon  
 18 payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection  
 19 (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for  
 20 any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person  
 21 as a supporter of the Institute of Community Services,  
 22 Incorporated. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of  
 23 such color and design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice  
 24 of the Institute of Community Services, Incorporated, may  
 25 prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both,  
 26 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

27 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
 28 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
 29 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the

30 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
31 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
32 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission within seven (7)  
33 days of the date the application is made. The portion of the  
34 additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited  
35 into the county general fund.

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

50 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the  
51 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
52 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the  
53 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the  
54 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
55 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

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

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

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

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

69 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as  
70 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under  
71 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the  
72 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under  
73 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license  
74 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,  
75 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license  
76 tag.

77 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
78 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
79 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
80 Section 27-19-37.

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