

By: Senator(s) Carmichael (By Request)

To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 3031

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A DISTINCTIVE LICENSE
2 TAG FOR MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE GUARD; TO ESTABLISH THE
3 FEE FOR ISSUANCE OF SUCH A TAG; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a member
6 of the Mississippi State Guard who is a resident of this state,
7 upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem
8 taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private
9 carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial
10 motor vehicles, and upon payment of any additional fee required
11 under subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a
12 distinctive license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his
13 name identifying such person as a member of the Mississippi State
14 Guard. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of a color
15 and design as may be designated by the State Tax Commission, shall
16 consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary
17 to distinguish each license tag and may, in the discretion of the
18 State Tax Commission, display the county name.

19 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
20 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
21 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. Applicants for such
22 distinctive license tags shall present to the issuing official
23 proof of their membership in the Mississippi State Guard by
24 presentation of the official documents that certify such
25 membership. The application and the additional fee imposed under
26 subsection (3) of this section, less three percent (3%) thereof to
27 be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the State

28 Tax Commission on a monthly basis as prescribed by the commission.
29 The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector
30 shall be deposited into the county general fund.

31 (3) Any person who applies for a distinctive license tag
32 under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of
33 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied
34 for under this section which shall be in addition to all other
35 taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of
36 time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established license tag
37 year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the
38 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
39 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
40 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license
41 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
42 tag, or if the owner retires or resigns from or otherwise vacates
43 his membership in the Mississippi State Guard, he must surrender
44 it to the local county tax collector.

45 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
46 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
47 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the
48 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of
49 distinctive license tags. The State Treasurer shall distribute an
50 amount equal to Sixteen Dollars and Twenty-five Cents (\$16.25) of
51 the additional fees collected from the issuance of such
52 distinctive license tags under this section to the State General
53 Fund, and the remainder of such additional fees collected shall be
54 distributed by the State Treasurer to the credit of the State
55 Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance,
56 construction or reconstruction of highways.

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

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

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

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