

**\*\*\*Adopted\*\*\*  
AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill NO. 627**

**By Senator(s) Committee**

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting  
in lieu thereof the following:**

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

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

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

29 and information to be contained on such distinctive license tags  
30 shall be determined by the State Tax Commission.

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

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

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

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

57 (iii) Twenty-two Dollars (\$22.00) of each  
58 additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued

59 pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the  
60 State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair,  
61 maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

62 (2) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as  
63 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under  
64 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the  
65 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under  
66 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license  
67 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,  
68 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license  
69 tag.

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

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

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

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; TO  
8 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS DISPLAYING THE

9 EMBLEM OF PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES LOCATED IN OTHER STATES; AND FOR  
10 RELATED PURPOSES.