

By: Representatives Holloway, Broomfield

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 557

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 27-19-56.32, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE
3 LICENSE TAGS TO MEMBERS OF THE FREE & ACCEPTED ANCIENT YORKRITE
4 GRAND LODGE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE
5 ISSUANCE OF SUCH DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE
6 DISTRIBUTION OF THE ADDITIONAL FEES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
9 27-19-56.32, Mississippi Code of 1972:

10 27-19-56.32. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
11 member of the Free & Accepted Ancient Yorkrite Grand Lodge of
12 Mississippi, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating
13 to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment
14 of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and
15 registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of
16 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,
17 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount of
18 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00), shall be entitled to a special license
19 tag which displays the Prince Hall Mason emblem and displays the
20 words "Free & Accepted Ancient Yorkrite Grand Lodge of
21 Mississippi."

22 (2) The tags shall be of such color and design as the State
23 Tax Commission shall prescribe subject to the approval of the
24 Mississippi License Tag Commission.

25 (3) Application for the special license tags shall be made
26 to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the State Tax
27 Commission. Applicants for such distinctive license tags shall
28 present to the issuing official documentation from the Free &
29 Accepted Ancient Yorkrite Grand Lodge of Mississippi as prescribed



30 by the State Tax Commission showing their membership in the Free &
31 Accepted Ancient Yorkrite Grand Lodge of Mississippi. The
32 application and the additional fee, less five percent (5%) thereof
33 to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the
34 State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as prescribed by the
35 commission. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax
36 collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

37 (4) The special license tag shall be issued for a one-year
38 period. The additional annual fee shall be due and payable at the
39 time of renewal registration.

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

45 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee
46 collected on special license tags shall be deposited in a special
47 fund hereby created in the State Treasury to the credit of the
48 Free & Accepted Ancient Yorkrite Grand Lodge of Mississippi. The
49 funds shall be available for expenditure at the discretion of the
50 Free & Accepted Ancient Yorkrite Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

51 (b) The remainder of each such additional fee shall be
52 deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended
53 solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction
54 of highways.

55 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
56 and after July 1, 2002.

