

By: Representative Middleton

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 915

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.22, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS FOR
3 MEMBERS OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY AND OMEGA PSI PHI
4 FRATERNITY; TO PROVIDE THAT A PORTION OF THE FEES COLLECTED FOR
5 THOSE DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE
6 COLEMAN, ALEXANDER, POSSNER FOUNDATION, THE MISSISSIPPI FIRE
7 FIGHTER'S MEMORIAL BURN CENTER FUND AND THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND;
8 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-19-56.22, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
11 amended as follows:

12 27-19-56.22. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
13 resident of this state and who is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha
14 sorority, or Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta
15 sorority or Omega Psi Phi fraternity, upon payment of the road and
16 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
17 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
18 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
19 an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00), shall
20 be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor vehicle
21 registered in his name identifying such person as a member or
22 supporter of such organization. The distinctive license tags so
23 issued shall display the Greek letter of the organization and
24 shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission 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 (1) of this section, less



31 Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be
32 remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as
33 prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional fee
34 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
35 general fund.

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

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

44 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee
45 collected on the distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
46 section shall be distributed to the Coleman, Alexander, Possner
47 Foundation.

48 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
49 on the distinctive license tags shall be deposited into the
50 Mississippi Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn Center Fund created
51 pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

52 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
53 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
54 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
55 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
56 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) month
62 and year license decals for each distinctive license tag issued



63 under this section, which will expire the same month and year as
64 the license 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, 2002.

