

By: Representative Broomfield

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1178

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 PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF  
4 MISSISSIPPI, FREE AND ACCEPTED ANCIENT YORKRITE MASONS; TO  
5 PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH DISTINCTIVE  
6 LICENSE TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ADDITIONAL  
7 FEES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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 and  
29 Accepted Ancient Yorkrite Masons, Prince Hall Grand Lodge of



30 Mississippi as prescribed by the State Tax Commission showing  
31 their membership in the Free and Accepted Ancient Yorkrite Masons,  
32 Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Mississippi. The application and the  
33 additional fee, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by  
34 the tax collector, shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission  
35 on a monthly basis as prescribed by the commission. The portion  
36 of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be  
37 deposited into the county general fund.

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

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

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

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

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

