

By: Representative Lott

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1575

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CODE SECTION 27-19-56.32, MISSISSIPPI
2 CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE
3 TAGS IN SUPPORT OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI, SCHOOL DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE
4 THAT A PORTION OF THE FEES COLLECTED FOR SUCH DISTINCTIVE LICENSE
5 TAGS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE PETAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION,
6 THE MISSISSIPPI FIRE FIGHTER'S MEMORIAL BURN CENTER FUND AND THE
7 STATE HIGHWAY FUND; 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 resident of this state, upon payment
12 of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and
13 registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of
14 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,
15 and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in
16 subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive
17 license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name
18 identifying such person as a supporter of the Petal, Mississippi,
19 School District. The distinctive license tags so issued shall
20 display the words "Petal School District" and shall be of such
21 color and design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of
22 the Petal Education Foundation, may prescribe and shall consist of
23 such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to
24 distinguish each license tag.

25 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
26 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
27 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
28 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
29 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,



30 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission within seven (7)
31 days of the date the application is made. The portion of the
32 additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited
33 into the county general fund.

34 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
35 after July 1, 2002, any person applying for a distinctive license
36 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
37 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
38 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
39 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
40 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
41 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
42 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
43 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
44 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
45 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
46 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
47 collector.

48 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
49 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
50 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the
51 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
52 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
53 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

54 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee
55 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
56 section shall be distributed to the Petal Education Foundation.

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

61 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
62 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this



63 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
64 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
65 reconstruction of highways.

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

74 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
75 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
76 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
77 Section 27-19-37.

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

