

*****Adopted*****

AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

Senate Bill NO. 2501

By Senator(s) Furniss

1 **AMEND** by inserting the following after line 1799 and renumber
2 the subsequent sections accordingly:

3 **SECTION *.** Section 27-19-56.12, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
4 amended as follows:

5 27-19-56.12. In recognition of the patriotic service
6 rendered by Mississippians who are honorably discharged veterans
7 who served in the United States Armed Forces, any such person is
8 privileged to obtain distinctive motor vehicle license plates or
9 tags for each motor vehicle registered in his name identifying his
10 status as a veteran. The State Tax Commission, with concurrence
11 by the State Veterans Affairs Board, shall develop decals to be
12 affixed to the license tag indicating branch and period of
13 military service. The distinctive plates or tags shall be of a
14 color and design designated by the Tax Commission with concurrence
15 by the State Veterans Affairs Board.

16 The distinctive license plates shall be prepared by the Tax
17 Commission and shall be issued through the tax collectors of the
18 counties in the same manner as are other motor vehicle license
19 plates or tags. An additional annual tag fee of Thirty Dollars
20 (\$30.00) shall be collected by the tax collector for such license
21 plates or tags and shall be remitted to the Tax Commission on a
22 monthly basis as prescribed by the commission. The additional fee
23 is due and payable at the time the original application is made

24 for a distinctive tag under this section and thereafter annually
25 at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains
26 the distinctive license tag. The State Tax Commission shall
27 deposit such fee to the credit of a fund to be administered by the
28 board overseeing the veterans nursing homes in this state for the
29 benefit of indigent veterans who are residents of such nursing
30 homes.

31 An applicant for such distinctive plates shall present to the
32 issuing official written evidence of the veteran's service. Such
33 evidence shall include a copy of the applicant's DD-214 form, a
34 Report of Separation from Military Service, a military discharge
35 document, or a written certification of military service from the
36 State Veterans Affairs Board. The distinctive license plates or
37 tags so issued shall be used only upon a personally or jointly
38 owned private passenger vehicle (to include station wagons,
39 recreational motor vehicles and pickup trucks) registered in the
40 name, or jointly in the name, of the person making application
41 therefor, and when issued to such person shall be used upon the
42 vehicle for which issued in lieu of the standard license plate or
43 license tag normally issued for such vehicle.

44 The distinctive license plates shall not be transferable
45 between motor vehicle owners; and in the event the owner of a
46 vehicle bearing a distinctive plate shall sell, trade, exchange or
47 otherwise dispose of the vehicle, such plate shall be retained by
48 such owner and returned to the tax collector.

49 **FURTHER amend line 44 of the title by inserting the following**
50 **before the word "AND":**

51 TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.12, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE
52 THAT THE ADDITIONAL FEE PAID FOR A DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE
53 LICENSE TAG FOR HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES
54 ARMED FORCES MUST BE PAID ANNUALLY UPON RENEWAL REGISTRATION FOR
55 AS LONG AS THE OWNER RETAINS SUCH TAG;