

By: Representatives Lott, Davis

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 189

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.64, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
2 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT A PORTION OF THE ADDITIONAL FEES COLLECTED  
3 FROM THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS IN SUPPORT OF THE  
4 PETAL, MISSISSIPPI, SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE  
5 PETAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-19-56.64, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 27-19-56.64. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a  
10 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge  
11 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as  
12 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup  
13 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of  
14 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this  
15 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor  
16 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a  
17 supporter of the Petal, Mississippi, School District. The  
18 distinctive license tags so issued shall display the words "Petal  
19 School District" and shall be of such color and design as the  
20 State Tax Commission, with the advice of the Petal Education  
21 Foundation, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or  
22 numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license  
23 tag.

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



29 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis  
30 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional  
31 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the  
32 county general fund.

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

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

53 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee  
54 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
55 section shall be distributed to the Petal Education Foundation.

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

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



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

65 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
66 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall  
67 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
68 27-19-44.2.

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

77 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
78 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
79 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
80 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
81 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
82 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
83 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
84 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be  
85 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular  
86 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

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88 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
89 and after its passage.

