

By: Representative Eads

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 622

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.63, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE
3 LICENSE TAG FOR A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF AN IMMEDIATE
4 FAMILY MEMBER OF A DIABETIC; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-19-56.63, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 27-19-56.63. (1) Upon application by any legal resident of
9 the State of Mississippi who is diabetic or who is an immediate
10 family member of a person who is diabetic, the State Tax
11 Commission shall prepare and issue through the county tax
12 collectors a special license plate for not more than one (1)
13 vehicle that is registered in the applicant's name. The initial
14 application shall be accompanied by the certification of a
15 licensed physician that the applicant (a) meets the definition of
16 a diabetic as set forth in subsection (2) of this section, or (b)
17 is an immediate family member of a person who meets the definition
18 of a diabetic as set forth in subsection (2) of this section. For
19 the purposes of this section, the term "immediate family member"
20 means the applicant's spouse, father or mother, or a brother,
21 sister or child of the applicant. An applicant for the special
22 license plate shall not be required to pay any fee or charge for
23 the issuance of such license plate separate from or in addition to
24 the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and
25 registration fees otherwise required by law to be paid for the
26 issuance of a regular license plate for the vehicle. The special
27 license plate shall be of such color and design as the State Tax
28 Commission may prescribe and shall consist of such letters,



29 numbers or both as may be necessary to distinguish each license
30 plate.

31 (2) For the purpose of this section, the term "diabetic"
32 means a person who is affected with diabetes, including, Type I,
33 Type II, gestational or any secondary form of diabetes regardless
34 of mode of treatment, age of onset or duration of the disease.

35 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
36 and after July 1, 2003.

