

By: Representative Wallace

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1010

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS  
2 FOR THE MISSISSIPPI NURSES FOUNDATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a  
5 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws  
6 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon  
7 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes  
8 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of  
9 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,  
10 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount  
11 provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a  
12 special license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name  
13 identifying such person as a supporter of the Mississippi Nurses  
14 Foundation. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of  
15 such color and design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice  
16 of the Mississippi Nurses Foundation, may prescribe, and shall  
17 consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary  
18 to distinguish each license tag.

19 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
20 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
21 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the  
22 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
23 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
24 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis  
25 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional  
26 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the  
27 county general fund.



28           (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or  
29 after July 1, 2003, any person applying for a distinctive license  
30 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount  
31 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag  
32 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all  
33 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a  
34 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established  
35 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the  
36 time the original application is made for a distinctive license  
37 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of  
38 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive  
39 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive  
40 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax  
41 collector.

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

48                   (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee  
49 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
50 section shall be disbursed to the Mississippi Nurses Foundation.

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

55                   (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee  
56 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
57 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund  
58 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or  
59 reconstruction of highways.



60           (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
61 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall  
62 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
63 27-19-44.2.

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

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

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

