

By: Senator(s) Minor

To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2161

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A DISTINCTIVE MOTOR  
2 VEHICLE LICENSE TAG TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI NURSES  
3 FOUNDATION; TO PROVIDE THE FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH TAG; AND  
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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



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

43           (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the  
44 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
45 the State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected  
46 under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute  
47 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 distributed to the Mississippi Nurses  
51 Association.

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

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



61           (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
62 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall  
63 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
64 27-19-44.2.

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

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

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

