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AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

House Bill NO. 940

By Representative(s) Ellington

1 **AMEND** by inserting the following language after line 1417 and
2 renumbering the succeeding section:

3 **"SECTION 19.** Section 27-19-56.10, Mississippi Code of 1972,
4 is amended as follows:

5 27-19-56.10. (1) Owners of motor vehicles upon complying
6 with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing
7 of motor vehicles, and 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 annual fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00),
12 shall be issued a special license tag which displays an emblem
13 designed by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

14 (2) The Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall
15 design emblems which shall be displayed on the special license
16 tag. The emblem shall be affixed during the production of the
17 license tag.

18 (3) Application for the special license tags shall be made
19 to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the State Tax
20 Commission. The application and the additional fee, less five
21 percent (5%) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be
22 remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as
23 prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional fee

24 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
25 general fund.

26 (4) The special license tag shall be issued for a one-year
27 period. The additional annual fee shall be due and payable at the
28 time of renewal registration.

29 (5) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
30 State Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month, the
31 State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected under
32 this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such
33 collections as follows:

34 (a) Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of each additional fee
35 collected on special license tags issued pursuant to this section
36 shall be deposited into the Wildlife Heritage Fund created
37 pursuant to Section 49-5-77. However, such additional fees
38 collected from the issuance of distinctive license tags from and
39 after July 1, 2003, displaying an emblem depicting any salt water
40 species shall be deposited into the Coastal Preserve Account in
41 the Seafood Fund created pursuant to Section 49-15-17.

42 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
43 on special license tags shall be deposited into the Mississippi
44 Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn Center Fund created pursuant to
45 Section 7-9-70.

46 (c) The remainder of each such additional fee shall be
47 deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended
48 solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction
49 of highways.

50 **SECTION 20.** Section 49-15-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
51 amended as follows:

52 49-15-17. (1) (a) All monies received or obtained by the
53 commission under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid over
54 by the commission to the State Treasurer and shall be deposited
55 into the fund known as the "Seafood Fund." All revenues collected
56 through the department, to include, but not limited to, commercial
57 saltwater licenses and taxes, permits, fines and penalties, and
58 confiscated catches, shall be deposited into the department

59 operating account (Seafood Fund) and expended for the operation of
60 the department, as authorized by the Legislature.

61 (b) There is established a special account to be known
62 as the "Artificial Reef Program Account" within the seafood fund.

63 Any funds received from any public or private source for the
64 purpose of promoting, constructing, monitoring or maintaining
65 artificial reefs in the marine waters of the state or in federal
66 waters adjacent to the marine waters of the state shall be
67 credited to the account. Any unexpended funds remaining in the
68 account at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the
69 seafood fund, but shall remain in the account. The department may
70 expend any funds in the account, subject to appropriation by the
71 Legislature, to accomplish the purpose of the account.

72 (c) There is established a special account to be known
73 as the "Coastal Preserve Account" within the seafood fund. Any
74 funds received from any public or private source for the purpose
75 of management, improvement and acquisition of coastal preserves in
76 the state and money required to be deposited pursuant to Sections
77 27-19-56.10 and 27-19-56.27, shall be credited to the account.

78 Any unexpended funds remaining in the account at the end of the
79 fiscal year shall not lapse into the seafood fund, but shall
80 remain in the account. The department may expend any funds in the
81 account, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, for the
82 management, improvement and acquisition of coastal preserves.

83 (2) The fund shall be treated as a special trust fund and
84 interest earned on the principal shall be credited to the fund.

85 (3) The secretary of the commission shall keep accurate
86 reports of monies handled as a part of the permanent records of
87 the commission, and the State Treasurer shall furnish the
88 secretary of the commission such forms as may be needed, and the
89 secretary shall account for such forms in his reports to the
90 treasurer."

91 **AMEND further** the title to conform.