

*****Adopted*****

AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

Committee Sub. for SB NO. 2092

By Senator(s) Burton, Minor

1 Amend by inserting the following after line 839 and
2 renumbering subsequent sections accordingly:

3 **SECTION *.** Section 27-19-56.55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
4 amended as follows:

5 27-19-56.55. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
6 retired member of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol and who is
7 a 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 retired member of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol. The
15 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and
16 design as the State Tax Commission may prescribe and shall consist
17 of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to
18 distinguish each license tag and may, in the discretion of the
19 State Tax Commission, display the county name.

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. Applicants for such
23 distinctive license tags shall present proof that they are a

24 retired member of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol by
25 presentation of a signed and notarized affidavit from the
26 Commissioner of Public Safety. The application and the additional
27 fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars
28 (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be
29 remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as
30 prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional fee
31 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
32 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 * * * the total fees
50 collected under this section * * * to the State Treasurer who
51 shall distribute * * * such collections as follows:

52 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
53 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
54 section shall be distributed to the Mississippi Troopers
55 Association, Inc.

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.

87 **Further amend line 39 of the title by inserting the following**
88 **after the semicolon:**

89 TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE
90 THE MANNER IN WHICH THE FEE FOR THE DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE
91 LICENSE TAG AUTHORIZED FOR RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI
92 HIGHWAY SAFETY PATROL IS DISTRIBUTED;