

By: Representative Morris

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 223

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.58, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO REVISE THE DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS COLLECTED FROM THE
3 ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO MEMBERS AND
4 SUPPORTERS OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-19-56.58, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 27-19-56.58. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
10 resident of this state and who is a member or supporter of Delta
11 Sigma Theta Sorority, upon payment of the road and bridge
12 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
13 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
14 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
15 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
16 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
17 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a member
18 or supporter of such organization. The distinctive license tags
19 so issued shall display the Greek letters of the organization,
20 shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission may
21 prescribe, and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both,
22 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

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

29 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional
30 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
31 county general fund.

32 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
33 after July 1, 2002, any person applying for a distinctive license
34 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
35 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
36 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
37 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
38 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
39 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
40 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
41 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
42 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
43 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
44 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
45 collector.

46 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
47 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
48 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the
49 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
50 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
51 Treasurer 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 Oxford Alumnae Chapter of
55 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

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 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
88 and after July 1, 2004.