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To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 945

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE  
2 LICENSE TAGS IN SUPPORT OF BARBERS, BARBER-STYLISTS,  
3 COSMETOLOGISTS, BEAUTICIANS AND NAIL TECHNICIANS; TO PRESCRIBE AN  
4 ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS; TO PROVIDE  
5 FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF MONIES DERIVED FROM THE ADDITIONAL FEE;  
6 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

33 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or  
34 after July 1, 2004, 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 to the State Treasurer the  
50 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the  
51 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
52 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

53 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee  
54 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
55 section shall be disbursed to Professional Hair Designers,  
56 Incorporated.

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

61 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee  
62 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this

63 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund  
64 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or  
65 reconstruction of highways.

66 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
67 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall  
68 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
69 27-19-44.2.

70 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as  
71 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under  
72 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the  
73 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under  
74 this section. The tax collector shall issue month and year decals  
75 for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which  
76 will expire the same month and year as the regular license 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 proportionately in the same manner as funds from the  
86 sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this  
87 section.

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