

By: Representative Holland

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1350

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.14, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAG AUTHORIZED TO BE
3 ISSUED TO A MEMBER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MISSISSIPPI MAY ALSO BE
4 ISSUED TO THE WIFE, WIDOW, UNMARRIED DAUGHTER OR UNMARRIED SISTER
5 OF SUCH MEMBER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-19-56.14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 27-19-56.14. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
10 member of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, Free and Accepted
11 Masons, his wife, widow, unmarried daughter or unmarried sister,
12 upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to
13 registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of
14 the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and
15 registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of
16 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,
17 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount of
18 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00), shall be entitled to a special license
19 tag which displays the Freemason emblem and displays the words
20 "Grand Lodge of Mississippi."

21 (2) The tags shall be of such color and design as the State
22 Tax Commission shall prescribe subject to the approval of the
23 Mississippi License Tag Commission.

24 (3) Application for the special license tags shall be made
25 to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the State Tax
26 Commission. Applicants for such distinctive license tags shall
27 present to the issuing official documentation from the Grand Lodge
28 of Mississippi as prescribed by the State Tax Commission showing

29 their membership or relationship to a member in the Grand Lodge of
30 Mississippi. The application and the additional fee, less five
31 percent (5%) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be
32 remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as
33 prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional fee
34 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
35 general fund.

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

39 (5) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
40 State Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month, the
41 State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected under
42 this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such
43 collections as follows:

44 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee
45 collected on special license tags shall be deposited in a special
46 fund hereby created in the State Treasury to the credit of the
47 Grand Lodge of Mississippi. The funds shall be available for
48 expenditure at the discretion of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

49 (b) The remainder of each such additional fee shall be
50 deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended
51 solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction
52 of highways.

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