

By: Representative Reynolds

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1404

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE
2 LICENSE TAGS IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION; TO
3 PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS;
4 TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF MONIES DERIVED FROM THE
5 ADDITIONAL FEE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a
8 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws
9 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon
10 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes
11 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of
12 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,
13 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount
14 provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a
15 special license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name
16 identifying such person as a supporter of the National Wild Turkey
17 Federation. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of
18 such color and design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice
19 of the President of the Mississippi Chapter of the National Wild
20 Turkey Federation, may prescribe, and shall consist of such
21 letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish
22 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, 2004, 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 disbursed to the Mississippi Chapter of the
55 National Wild Turkey Federation.

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 month and year decals
74 for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which
75 will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

76 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
77 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
78 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
79 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
80 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
81 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
82 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
83 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
84 distributed proportionately in the same manner as funds from the
85 sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this
86 section.

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