

**Adopted
AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

Cmte Sub for Senate Bill No. 2623

BY: Senator(s) Hyde-Smith

1 **AMEND by inserting the following after line 761 and**
2 **renumbering subsequent sections accordingly:**

3 **SECTION *.** Section 27-19-56.60, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
4 amended as follows:

5 27-19-56.60. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
6 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws
7 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon
8 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes
9 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of
10 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,
11 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount
12 provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be privileged to
13 obtain one distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag for each
14 motor vehicle registered in his name identifying him as a
15 supporter of Mississippi agriculture. The tags shall depict an
16 agricultural scene, shall be of such color and design as the State
17 Tax Commission, with the advice of the Commissioner of
18 Agriculture, may prescribe * * *, and shall consist of such
19 letters or numbers or both as may be necessary to distinguish each
20 license tag.

21 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
22 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
23 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the

24 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
25 Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be
26 remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as
27 prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional fee
28 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
29 general fund.

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

44 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
45 State Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month, the
46 State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected under
47 this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such
48 collections as follows:

49 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
50 collected on distinctive license tags issued under this section
51 shall be deposited into a special fund that is created in the
52 State Treasury to be known as the "Agriculture Distinctive License
53 Tag Fund." Monies in the fund may be expended, upon legislative
54 appropriation, by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture to
55 help defray the cost of the marketing activities of the department

56 that promote agricultural commodities and resources produced in
57 Mississippi.

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

62 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
63 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
64 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
65 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
66 reconstruction of highways.

67 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
68 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
69 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
70 27-19-44.2.

71 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
72 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
73 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
74 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
75 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
76 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
77 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
78 tag.

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

87 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
88 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

89 **FURTHER, amend line 33 of the title by inserting the**
90 **following after the semicolon:**

91 TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.60, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE
92 THE DESIGN PLACED ON THE DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS
93 THAT IDENTIFY A PERSON AS A SUPPORTER OF AGRICULTURE; TO PROVIDE
94 THAT THE REVENUE FROM THE SALE OF SUCH TAGS THAT IS DEPOSITED INTO
95 THE AGRICULTURE DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAG FUND SHALL BE UTILIZED BY
96 THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO DEFRAY THE COST OF THE MARKETING
97 ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT THAT PROMOTE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
98 AND RESOURCES PRODUCED IN MISSISSIPPI;