

**Adopted  
AMENDMENT NO 4 PROPOSED TO**

**Cmte Sub for Senate Bill No. 2623**

**BY: Senator(s) Burton**

1           **AMEND by inserting the following after line 761:**

2           **SECTION \*.** Section 27-19-56.55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
3 amended as follows:

4           27-19-56.55. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a  
5 retired member of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol and who is  
6 a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge  
7 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as  
8 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup  
9 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of  
10 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this  
11 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor  
12 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a  
13 retired member of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol. The  
14 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and  
15 design as the State Tax Commission may prescribe and shall consist  
16 of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to  
17 distinguish each license tag and may, in the discretion of the  
18 State Tax Commission, display the county name.

19           (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
20 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
21 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. Applicants for such  
22 distinctive license tags shall present proof that they are a

23 retired member of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol by  
24 presentation of a signed and notarized affidavit from the  
25 Commissioner of Public Safety. The application and the additional  
26 fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars  
27 (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be  
28 remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as  
29 prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional fee  
30 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county  
31 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 the total fees collected  
49 under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute  
50 such collections as follows:

51 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee  
52 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
53 section shall be distributed to the Mississippi Highway Safety  
54 Patrol Retired Troopers Association.

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

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

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

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

86           **FURTHER, amend line 33 of the title by inserting the**  
87 **following after the semicolon:**

88 TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE  
89 THAT A PORTION OF THE FEE FOR DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS FOR RETIRED  
90 MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY SAFETY PATROL SHALL BE  
91 DISTRIBUTED TO THE MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY SAFETY PATROL RETIRED  
92 TROOPERS ASSOCIATION;