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To: Ways and Means

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 32

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE
2 LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE HOMEBUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF
3 MISSISSIPPI; TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF
4 SUCH LICENSE TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF MONIES
5 DERIVED FROM THE ADDITIONAL FEE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF
6 DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS IN SUPPORT OF THE
7 DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES; TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR
8 THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION
9 OF MONIES DERIVED FROM THE ADDITIONAL FEE; TO AMEND SECTION
10 49-15-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; TO
11 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS
12 IN SUPPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO
13 PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS;
14 TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF MONIES DERIVED FROM THE
15 ADDITIONAL FEE; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.14, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
16 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT GRAND LODGE OF MISSISSIPPI, FREE AND
17 ACCEPTED MASONS, DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS MAY BE ISSUED ONLY TO
18 MEMBERS OF THE LODGE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE
19 MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF MISSISSIPPI FAMILIES
20 FOR KIDS; TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH
21 LICENSE TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF MONIES DERIVED
22 FROM THE ADDITIONAL FEE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE
23 MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL;
24 TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE THAT SHALL BE IMPOSED FOR THE
25 ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF
26 MONIES DERIVED FROM THE ADDITIONAL FEE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE
27 OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORT TEACHERS; TO
28 PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS;
29 TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES COLLECTED FROM THE ADDITIONAL FEES SHALL BE
30 DISTRIBUTED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AMONG ALL
31 THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE STATE AND EXPENDED FOR TEACHERS'
32 CLASSROOM SUPPLIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR
33 VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS IN SUPPORT OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF THE
34 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE THAT SHALL BE
35 IMPOSED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE
36 DISTRIBUTION OF MONIES DERIVED FROM THE ADDITIONAL FEE; AND FOR
37 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

39 **SECTION 1.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a
40 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws
41 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon
42 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes
43 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of
44 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,

45 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount
46 provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a
47 special license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name
48 identifying such person as a supporter of the Homebuilders
49 Association of Mississippi. The distinctive license tags so
50 issued shall be of such color and design as the State Tax
51 Commission, with the advice of the Chief Executive Officer of the
52 Homebuilders Association of Mississippi, may prescribe, and shall
53 consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary
54 to distinguish each license tag.

55 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
56 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
57 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
58 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
59 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
60 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis
61 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional
62 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
63 county general fund.

64 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
65 after July 1, 2005, any person applying for a distinctive license
66 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
67 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
68 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
69 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
70 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
71 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
72 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
73 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
74 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
75 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
76 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
77 collector.

78 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
79 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
80 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the
81 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
82 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
83 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

84 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
85 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
86 section shall be disbursed to the Mississippi Housing Institute.

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

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

96 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
97 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
98 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
99 27-19-44.2.

100 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
101 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
102 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
103 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
104 this section. The tax collector shall issue month and year decals
105 for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which
106 will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

107 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
108 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
109 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
110 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license

111 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
112 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
113 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
114 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
115 distributed proportionately in the same manner as funds from the
116 sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this
117 section.

118 **SECTION 2.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a
119 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws
120 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon
121 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes
122 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of
123 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,
124 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount
125 provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a
126 special license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name
127 identifying such person as a supporter of the Department of Marine
128 Resources. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of
129 such color and design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice
130 of the Department of Marine Resources, may prescribe, and shall
131 consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary
132 to distinguish each license tag.

133 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
134 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
135 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
136 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
137 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
138 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis
139 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional
140 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
141 county general fund.

142 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
143 after July 1, 2005, any person applying for a distinctive license

144 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
145 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
146 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
147 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
148 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
149 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
150 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
151 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
152 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
153 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
154 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
155 collector.

156 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
157 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
158 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the
159 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
160 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
161 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

162 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
163 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
164 section shall be disbursed to Artificial Reef Program Account in
165 the Seafood Fund created pursuant to Section 49-15-17.

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

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

175 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
176 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall

177 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
178 27-19-44.2.

179 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
180 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
181 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
182 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
183 this section. The tax collector shall issue month and year decals
184 for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which
185 will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

186 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
187 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
188 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
189 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
190 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
191 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
192 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
193 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
194 distributed proportionately in the same manner as funds from the
195 sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this
196 section.

197 **SECTION 3.** Section 49-15-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
198 amended as follows:

199 49-15-17. (1) (a) All monies received or obtained by the
200 commission under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid over
201 by the commission to the State Treasurer and shall be deposited
202 into the fund known as the "Seafood Fund." All revenues collected
203 through the department, to include, but not limited to, commercial
204 saltwater licenses and taxes, permits, fines and penalties, and
205 confiscated catches, shall be deposited into the department
206 operating account (Seafood Fund) and expended for the operation of
207 the department, as authorized by the Legislature.

208 (b) There is established a special account to be known
209 as the "Artificial Reef Program Account" within the Seafood Fund.

210 Any funds received from any public or private source for the
211 purpose of promoting, constructing, monitoring or maintaining
212 artificial reefs in the marine waters of the state or in federal
213 waters adjacent to the marine waters of the state and monies
214 required to be disbursed to the account pursuant to Section 2 of
215 House Bill No. 32, 2005 Regular Session, shall be credited to the
216 account. Any unexpended funds remaining in the account at the end
217 of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the Seafood Fund, but
218 shall remain in the account. The department may expend any funds
219 in the account, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, to
220 accomplish the purpose of the account.

221 (c) There is established a special account to be known
222 as the "Coastal Preserve Account" within the Seafood Fund. Any
223 funds received from any public or private source for the purpose
224 of management, improvement and acquisition of coastal preserves in
225 the state and money required to be deposited pursuant to Sections
226 27-19-56.10 and 27-19-56.27, shall be credited to the account.
227 Any unexpended funds remaining in the account at the end of the
228 fiscal year shall not lapse into the Seafood Fund, but shall
229 remain in the account. The department may expend any funds in the
230 account, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, for the
231 management, improvement and acquisition of coastal preserves.

232 (2) The fund shall be treated as a special trust fund and
233 interest earned on the principal shall be credited to the fund.

234 (3) The secretary of the commission shall keep accurate
235 reports of monies handled as a part of the permanent records of
236 the commission, and the State Treasurer shall furnish the
237 secretary of the commission such forms as may be needed, and the
238 secretary shall account for such forms in his reports to the
239 Treasurer.

240 **SECTION 4.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a
241 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws
242 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon

243 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes
244 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of
245 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,
246 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount
247 provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a
248 special license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name
249 identifying such person as a supporter of the Democratic Party of
250 the State of Mississippi. The distinctive license tags so issued
251 shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission,
252 with the advice of the Chairman of the Democratic Party of the
253 State of Mississippi, may prescribe, and shall consist of such
254 letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish
255 each license tag.

256 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
257 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
258 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
259 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
260 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
261 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis
262 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional
263 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
264 county general fund.

265 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
266 after July 1, 2005, any person applying for a distinctive license
267 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
268 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
269 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
270 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
271 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
272 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
273 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
274 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
275 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive

276 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
277 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
278 collector.

279 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
280 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
281 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the
282 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
283 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
284 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

285 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
286 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
287 section shall be disbursed to the Executive Committee of the
288 Democratic Party of the State of Mississippi.

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

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

298 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
299 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
300 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
301 27-19-44.2.

302 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
303 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
304 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
305 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
306 this section. The tax collector shall issue month and year decals
307 for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which
308 will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

309 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
310 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
311 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
312 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
313 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
314 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
315 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
316 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
317 distributed proportionately in the same manner as funds from the
318 sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this
319 section.

320 **SECTION 5.** Section 27-19-56.14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
321 amended as follows:

322 27-19-56.14. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this
323 section, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a member of the Grand
324 Lodge of Mississippi, Free and Accepted Masons, his wife, widow,
325 unmarried daughter or unmarried sister, upon complying with the
326 motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor
327 vehicles, and upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes,
328 ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for
329 private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other
330 noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional
331 annual fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00), shall be
332 entitled to a special license tag which displays the Freemason
333 emblem and displays the words "Grand Lodge of Mississippi." From
334 and after July 1, 2005, only persons who are members of the Grand
335 Lodge of Mississippi, Free and Accepted Masons, may apply for and
336 receive a distinctive license tag authorized under this section.

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

340 (3) Application for the special license tags shall be made
341 to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the State Tax

342 Commission. Applicants for such distinctive license tags shall
343 present to the issuing official documentation from the Grand Lodge
344 of Mississippi as prescribed by the State Tax Commission showing
345 their membership * * * in the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. The
346 application and the additional fee, less five percent (5%) thereof
347 to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the
348 State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as prescribed by the
349 commission. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax
350 collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

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

354 (5) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
355 State Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month, the
356 State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected under
357 this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such
358 collections as follows:

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

364 (b) The remainder of each such additional fee shall be
365 deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended
366 solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction
367 of highways.

368 **SECTION 6.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a
369 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws
370 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon
371 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes
372 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of
373 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,
374 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount

375 provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a
376 special license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name
377 identifying such person as a supporter of Mississippi Families for
378 Kids. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such
379 color and design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of
380 Mississippi Families for Kids, may prescribe, and shall consist of
381 such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to
382 distinguish each license tag.

383 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
384 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
385 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
386 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
387 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
388 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis
389 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional
390 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
391 county general fund.

392 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
393 after July 1, 2005, any person applying for a distinctive license
394 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
395 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
396 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
397 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
398 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
399 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
400 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
401 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
402 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
403 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
404 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
405 collector.

406 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
407 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,

408 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the
409 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
410 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
411 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

412 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
413 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
414 section shall be disbursed to Mississippi Families for Kids.

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

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

424 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
425 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
426 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
427 27-19-44.2.

428 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
429 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
430 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
431 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
432 this section. The tax collector shall issue month and year decals
433 for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which
434 will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

435 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
436 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
437 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
438 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
439 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
440 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and

441 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
442 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
443 distributed proportionately in the same manner as funds from the
444 sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this
445 section.

446 **SECTION 7.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a
447 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws
448 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon
449 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes
450 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of
451 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,
452 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount
453 provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a
454 special license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name
455 identifying him as a supporter of Rotary International. The
456 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and
457 design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of the Past
458 Governor, District 6820, Rotary International, may prescribe, and
459 shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be
460 necessary to distinguish each license tag.

461 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
462 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
463 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
464 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
465 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
466 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis
467 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional
468 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
469 county general fund.

470 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
471 after July 1, 2005, any person applying for a distinctive license
472 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
473 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag

474 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
475 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
476 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
477 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
478 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
479 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
480 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
481 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
482 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
483 collector.

484 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
485 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
486 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the
487 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
488 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
489 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

490 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
491 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
492 section shall be disbursed equally to District 6800, District 6820
493 and District 6840, Rotary International.

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

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

503 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
504 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
505 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
506 27-19-44.2.

507 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
508 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
509 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
510 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
511 this section. The tax collector shall issue month and year decals
512 for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which
513 will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

514 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
515 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
516 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
517 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
518 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
519 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
520 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
521 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
522 distributed proportionately in the same manner as funds from the
523 sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this
524 section.

525 **SECTION 8.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a
526 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws
527 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon
528 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes
529 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of
530 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,
531 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount
532 provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a
533 special license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name
534 identifying such person as a supporter of teachers. The
535 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and
536 design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of the
537 Mississippi Department of Education, may prescribe, shall have
538 imprinted thereon the words "SUPPORT TEACHERS" and shall consist

539 of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to
540 distinguish each license tag.

541 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
542 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
543 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
544 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
545 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
546 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis
547 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional
548 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
549 county general fund.

550 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
551 after July 1, 2005, any person applying for a distinctive license
552 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
553 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
554 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
555 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
556 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
557 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
558 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
559 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
560 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
561 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
562 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
563 collector.

564 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
565 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
566 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the
567 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
568 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
569 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

570 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
571 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this

572 section shall be disbursed to the Mississippi Department of
573 Education and shall be equitably distributed by the department
574 among all of the school districts in the state for expenditure on
575 teachers' classroom supplies.

576 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
577 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
578 be deposited into the Mississippi Fire Fighters Memorial Burn
579 Center Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

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

585 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
586 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
587 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
588 27-19-44.2.

589 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
590 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
591 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
592 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
593 this section. The tax collector shall issue month and year decals
594 for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which
595 will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

596 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
597 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
598 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
599 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
600 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
601 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
602 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
603 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
604 distributed proportionately in the same manner as funds from the

605 sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this
606 section.

607 SECTION 9. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a
608 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws
609 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon
610 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes
611 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of
612 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,
613 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount
614 provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a
615 special license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name
616 identifying such person as a supporter of the Republican Party of
617 the State of Mississippi. The distinctive license tags so issued
618 shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission,
619 with the advice of the Chairman of the Republican Party of the
620 State of Mississippi, may prescribe, and shall consist of such
621 letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish
622 each license tag.

623 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
624 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
625 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
626 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
627 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
628 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis
629 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional
630 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
631 county general fund.

632 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
633 after July 1, 2005, any person applying for a distinctive license
634 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
635 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
636 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
637 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a

638 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
639 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
640 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
641 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
642 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
643 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
644 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
645 collector.

646 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
647 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
648 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the
649 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
650 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
651 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

652 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
653 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
654 section shall be disbursed to the Executive Committee of the
655 Republican Party of the State of Mississippi.

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

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

665 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
666 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
667 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
668 27-19-44.2.

669 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
670 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under

671 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
672 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
673 this section. The tax collector shall issue month and year decals
674 for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which
675 will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

676 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
677 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
678 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
679 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
680 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
681 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
682 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
683 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
684 distributed proportionately in the same manner as funds from the
685 sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this
686 section.

687 **SECTION 10.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
688 and after July 1, 2005.