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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2647
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A DISTINCTIVE MOTOR
2 VEHICLE LICENSE TAG TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI POULTRY
3 ASSOCIATION, INC.; TO PROVIDE THE FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH
4 TAG; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE
5 LICENSE TAG TO SUPPORTERS OF MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MEDICAL
6 SERVICES; TO PROVIDE THE FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH TAG; TO
7 PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE
8 TAG TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI PREHOSPITAL PROFESSIONALS
9 ASSOCIATION; TO PROVIDE THE FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH TAG; TO
10 PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE
11 TAG FOR SUPPORTERS OF THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SCHOOL
12 DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE FOR A FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH TAG; TO
13 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS
14 TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION; TO
15 PRESCRIBE THE FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH TAG; TO AUTHORIZE THE
16 ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS
17 OF THE MISSISSIPPI PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION; TO PRESCRIBE THE FEE
18 FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH TAG; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF
19 DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF SAFECITY
20 INITIATIVE; TO PRESCRIBE THE FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH TAG; TO
21 AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
22 REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE
23 TAG FOR SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI SIERRA CLUB; TO AMEND
24 SECTION 27-19-56.27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE
25 ISSUANCE OF A DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAG FOR SUPPORTERS
26 OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES; TO PROVIDE FOR
27 THE ISSUANCE OF A DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAG TO
28 SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION; TO
29 PROVIDE THE FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH TAG; AND FOR RELATED
30 PURPOSES.

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

32 **SECTION 1.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
33 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge
34 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
35 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
36 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
37 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
38 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor
39 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
40 supporter of the Mississippi Poultry Association, Inc. The
41 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and

42 design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of the
43 Mississippi Poultry Association, Inc., may prescribe and shall
44 consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary
45 to distinguish each license tag.

46 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
47 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
48 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
49 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
50 Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be
51 remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as
52 prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional fee
53 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
54 general fund.

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

69 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
70 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
71 the State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected
72 under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute
73 such collections as follows:

74 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
75 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
76 section shall be distributed to the Mississippi Poultry
77 Association, Inc.

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

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

87 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
88 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
89 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
90 27-19-44.2.

91 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
92 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
93 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
94 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
95 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
96 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
97 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
98 tag.

99 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
100 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
101 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
102 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
103 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
104 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
105 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
106 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be

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

109 **SECTION 2.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
110 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge
111 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
112 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
113 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
114 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
115 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor
116 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
117 supporter of the Mississippi Emergency Medical Services. The
118 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and
119 design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of the
120 Mississippi Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical
121 Services, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or
122 numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license
123 tag.

124 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
125 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
126 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
127 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
128 Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be
129 remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as
130 prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional fee
131 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
132 general fund.

133 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
134 after July 1, 2005, any person applying for a distinctive license
135 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
136 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
137 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
138 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
139 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established

140 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
141 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
142 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
143 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
144 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
145 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
146 collector.

147 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
148 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
149 the State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected
150 under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute
151 such collections as follows:

152 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
153 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
154 section shall be distributed to the Mississippi Trauma Care
155 Systems Fund.

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

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

165 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
166 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
167 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
168 27-19-44.2.

169 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
170 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
171 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
172 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under

173 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
174 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
175 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
176 tag.

177 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
178 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
179 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
180 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
181 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
182 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
183 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
184 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
185 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
186 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

187 **SECTION 3.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
188 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge
189 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
190 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
191 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
192 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
193 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor
194 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
195 supporter of the Mississippi Prehospital Professionals
196 Association. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of
197 such color and design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice
198 of the Mississippi Prehospital Professionals Association, may
199 prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both,
200 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

201 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
202 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
203 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
204 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
205 Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be

206 remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as
207 prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional fee
208 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
209 general fund.

210 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
211 after July 1, 2005, any person applying for a distinctive license
212 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
213 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
214 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
215 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
216 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
217 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
218 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
219 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
220 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
221 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
222 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
223 collector.

224 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
225 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
226 the State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected
227 under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute
228 such collections as follows:

229 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
230 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
231 section shall be distributed to the Mississippi Prehospital
232 Professionals Association.

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

237 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
238 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this

239 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
240 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
241 reconstruction of highways.

242 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
243 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
244 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
245 27-19-44.2.

246 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
247 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
248 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
249 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
250 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
251 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
252 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
253 tag.

254 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
255 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
256 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
257 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
258 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
259 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
260 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
261 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
262 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
263 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

264 **SECTION 4.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
265 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge
266 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
267 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
268 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
269 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
270 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
271 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a

272 supporter of the Jackson Municipal Separate School District. The
273 distinctive license tags so issued shall display the words
274 "Jackson Public Schools" and shall be of such color and design as
275 the State Tax Commission, with the advice of the Jackson Municipal
276 Separate School District, may prescribe and shall consist of such
277 letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish
278 each license tag.

279 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
280 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
281 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
282 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
283 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
284 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis
285 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional
286 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
287 county general fund.

288 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
289 after July 1, 2005, any person applying for a distinctive license
290 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
291 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
292 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
293 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
294 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
295 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
296 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
297 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
298 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
299 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
300 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
301 collector.

302 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
303 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
304 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the

305 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
306 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
307 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

308 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
309 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
310 section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Public Education
311 Support Fund created under Section 37-61-37.

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

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

321 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
322 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
323 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
324 27-19-44.2.

325 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
326 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
327 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
328 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
329 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
330 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
331 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
332 tag.

333 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
334 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
335 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
336 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
337 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving

338 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
339 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
340 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
341 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
342 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

343 **SECTION 5.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a
344 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws
345 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon
346 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes
347 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of
348 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,
349 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount
350 provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a
351 special license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name
352 identifying him as a supporter of the Mississippi Youth Soccer
353 Association. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of
354 such color and design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice
355 of the Mississippi Youth Soccer Association, may prescribe, and
356 shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be
357 necessary to distinguish each license tag.

358 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
359 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
360 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
361 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
362 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
363 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis
364 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional
365 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
366 county general fund.

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

371 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
372 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
373 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
374 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
375 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
376 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
377 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
378 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
379 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
380 collector.

381 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
382 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
383 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the
384 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
385 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
386 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

387 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
388 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
389 section shall be disbursed to the Mississippi Youth Soccer
390 Association.

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

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

400 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
401 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
402 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
403 27-19-44.2.

404 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
405 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
406 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
407 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
408 this section. The tax collector shall issue month and year decals
409 for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which
410 will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

411 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
412 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
413 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
414 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
415 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
416 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
417 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
418 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
419 distributed proportionately in the same manner as funds from the
420 sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this
421 section.

422 **SECTION 6.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a
423 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws
424 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon
425 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes
426 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of
427 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,
428 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount
429 provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a
430 special license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name
431 identifying him as a supporter of the Mississippi Pharmacists
432 Association. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of
433 such color and design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice
434 of the Mississippi Pharmacists Association, may prescribe, and
435 shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be
436 necessary to distinguish each license tag.

437 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
438 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
439 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
440 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
441 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
442 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis
443 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional
444 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
445 county general fund.

446 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
447 after July 1, 2005, any person applying for a distinctive license
448 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
449 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
450 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
451 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
452 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
453 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
454 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
455 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
456 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
457 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
458 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
459 collector.

460 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
461 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
462 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the
463 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
464 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
465 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

466 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
467 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
468 section shall be disbursed to the Mississippi Pharmacists

469 Association for deposit into the Amie Ewing School of Pharmacy
470 Memorial Endowment Award Fund at the University of Mississippi.

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

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

480 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
481 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
482 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
483 27-19-44.2.

484 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
485 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
486 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
487 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
488 this section. The tax collector shall issue month and year decals
489 for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which
490 will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

491 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
492 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
493 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
494 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
495 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
496 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
497 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
498 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
499 distributed proportionately in the same manner as funds from the
500 sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this
501 section.

502 **SECTION 7.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a
503 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws
504 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon
505 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes
506 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of
507 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,
508 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount
509 provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a
510 special license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name
511 identifying him as a supporter of SafeCity Initiative. The
512 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and
513 design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of SafeCity
514 Initiative, may prescribe, and shall consist of such letters or
515 numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license
516 tag.

517 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
518 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
519 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
520 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
521 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
522 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis
523 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional
524 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
525 county general fund.

526 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
527 after July 1, 2005, any person applying for a distinctive license
528 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
529 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
530 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
531 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
532 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
533 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
534 time the original application is made for a distinctive license

535 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
536 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
537 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
538 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
539 collector.

540 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
541 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
542 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the
543 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
544 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
545 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

546 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
547 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
548 section shall be disbursed to SafeCity Initiative.

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

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

558 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
559 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
560 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
561 27-19-44.2.

562 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
563 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
564 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
565 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
566 this section. The tax collector shall issue month and year decals

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

569 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
570 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
571 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
572 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
573 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
574 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
575 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
576 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
577 distributed proportionately in the same manner as funds from the
578 sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this
579 section.

580 **SECTION 8.** Section 27-19-56.23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
581 amended as follows:

582 27-19-56.23. (1) Beginning with any registration year
583 commencing on or after July 1, 2005, any owner of a motor vehicle
584 who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and
585 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
586 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
587 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
588 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
589 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor
590 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
591 supporter of the Mississippi Sierra Club. The distinctive license
592 tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the State Tax
593 Commission, with the advice of the Mississippi Sierra Club, may
594 prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both,
595 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

596 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
597 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
598 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
599 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less

600 Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be
601 remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as
602 prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional fee
603 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
604 general fund.

605 (3) * * * Any person applying for a distinctive license tag
606 under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of
607 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied
608 for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other
609 taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of
610 time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established license tag
611 year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the
612 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
613 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
614 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license
615 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
616 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

617 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
618 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
619 the State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected
620 under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute
621 such collections as follows:

622 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee
623 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
624 section shall be distributed to the Mississippi Sierra Club.

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

629 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
630 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
631 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund

632 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
633 reconstruction of highways.

634 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
635 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
636 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
637 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
638 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
639 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
640 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
641 tag.

642 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
643 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
644 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
645 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
646 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
647 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
648 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
649 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
650 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
651 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

652 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued
653 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(2) must be
654 satisfied prior to July 1, 2008.

655 **SECTION 9.** Section 27-19-56.27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
656 amended as follows:

657 27-19-56.27. (1) Beginning with any registration year
658 commencing on or after July 1, 2005, owners of motor vehicles upon
659 complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and
660 licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the road and
661 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
662 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
663 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
664 an additional annual fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00),

665 shall be issued a special license tag which displays an emblem
666 designed by the Department of Marine Resources.

667 (2) The distinctive license tag shall be of such color and
668 design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of the
669 Department of Marine Resources, may prescribe and shall consist of
670 such letters or numbers or both as may be necessary to distinguish
671 each license tag.

672 (3) Application for the special license tags shall be made
673 to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the State Tax
674 Commission. The application and the additional fee, less five
675 percent (5%) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be
676 remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as
677 prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional fee
678 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
679 general fund.

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

683 (5) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
684 State Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month, the
685 State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected under
686 this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such
687 collections as follows:

688 (a) Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of each additional fee
689 collected on special license tags issued pursuant to this section
690 shall be deposited into the Artificial Reef Program Account in the
691 Seafood Fund created pursuant to Section 49-15-17.

692 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
693 on special license tags shall be deposited into the Mississippi
694 Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn Center Fund created pursuant to
695 Section 7-9-70.

696 (c) The remainder of each such additional fee shall be
697 deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended

698 solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction
699 of highways.

700 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
701 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
702 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
703 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
704 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
705 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
706 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
707 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
708 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
709 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

710 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued
711 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(2) must be
712 satisfied prior to July 1, 2008.

713 **SECTION 10.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
714 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge
715 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
716 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
717 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
718 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
719 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor
720 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
721 supporter of the Mississippi Manufacturers Association. The
722 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and
723 design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of the
724 Mississippi Manufacturers Association, may prescribe and shall
725 consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary
726 to distinguish each license tag.

727 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
728 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
729 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
730 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less

731 Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be
732 remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as
733 prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional fee
734 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
735 general fund.

736 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
737 after July 1, 2005, any person applying for a distinctive license
738 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
739 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
740 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
741 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
742 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
743 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
744 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
745 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
746 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
747 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
748 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
749 collector.

750 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
751 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
752 the State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected
753 under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute
754 such collections as follows:

755 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
756 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
757 section shall be distributed to the Mississippi Manufacturers
758 Association for use in its workforce training efforts.

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

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

768 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
769 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
770 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
771 27-19-44.2.

772 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
773 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
774 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
775 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
776 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
777 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
778 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
779 tag.

780 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
781 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
782 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
783 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
784 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
785 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
786 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
787 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
788 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
789 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

790 **SECTION 11.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
791 and after July 1, 2005.