

By: Representatives Frierson, Dedeaux, Vince To: Ways and Means

## HOUSE BILL NO. 521

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS  
2 TO SUPPORTERS OF THE LUMBERTON LINE SCHOOL DISTRICT; TO PRESCRIBE  
3 AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS; TO  
4 PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH FEES; AND FOR RELATED  
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a  
8 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge  
9 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as  
10 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup  
11 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of  
12 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this  
13 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor  
14 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a  
15 supporter of the school district. The distinctive license tags so  
16 issued shall display the words "Lumberton Line School District"  
17 and shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission,  
18 with the advice of the Board of Trustees of the Lumberton Line  
19 School District, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters  
20 or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each  
21 license tag.

22 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
23 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
24 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the  
25 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
26 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
27 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis  
28 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional

29 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the  
30 county general fund.

31 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or  
32 after July 1, 2007, any person applying for a distinctive license  
33 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount  
34 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag  
35 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all  
36 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a  
37 period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established  
38 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the  
39 time the original application is made for a distinctive license  
40 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of  
41 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive  
42 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive  
43 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax  
44 collector.

45 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the  
46 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
47 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the  
48 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the  
49 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
50 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

51 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee  
52 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
53 section shall be distributed to the Lumberton Line School  
54 District.

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

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

62 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or  
63 reconstruction of highways.

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

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

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

86 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
87 and after July 1, 2007.