Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 909

TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SENATE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

44 (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a SECTION 1. 45 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge 46 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as 47 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of 48 49 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor 50 51 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a 52 supporter of the Mississippi State Equine Association. The 53 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of the 54 55 Mississippi State Equine Association, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary 56 57 to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized 58 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms 59 60 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less 61 62 Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as 63 64 prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional fee 65 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund. 66

67 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
68 after July 1, 2007, any person applying for a distinctive license
69 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount

70 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag 71 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a 72 73 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established 74 The additional fee is due and payable at the license tag year. 75 time the original application is made for a distinctive license 76 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of 77 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive 78 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 79 80 collector.

81 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the 82 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, 83 the State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected 84 under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute 85 such collections as follows:

86 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
87 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
88 section shall be distributed to the Mississippi State Equine
89 Association.

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

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

99 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected 100 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall 101 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 102 27-19-44.2.

103 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as104 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under

this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license (6) 111 112 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and 113 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license 114 115 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and 116 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee 117 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be 118 119 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section. 120

121 SECTION 2. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a 122 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge 123 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup 124 125 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of 126 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor 127 128 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of Lamar Christian School. The distinctive license tags 129 130 so issued shall display the words "Lamar Christian School" and shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission, 131 132 with the advice of the principal of Lamar Christian School, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, 133 134 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, 140 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis 141 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional 142 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the 143 county general fund.

144 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or 145 after July 1, 2007, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount 146 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag 147 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all 148 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a 149 150 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established 151 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the 152 time the original application is made for a distinctive license 153 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of 154 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive 155 156 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 157 collector.

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

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
section shall be distributed to Lamar Christian School.

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

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

174 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or 175 reconstruction of highways.

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

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as 180 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under 181 182 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under 183 184 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license 185 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, 186 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license 187 tag.

188 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license 189 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and 190 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license 191 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving 192 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and 193 194 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee 195 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular 196 197 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

198 SECTION 3. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a 199 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon 200 201 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes 202 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of 203 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, 204 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount 205 provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a 206 special license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name 207 identifying such person as a supporter of Baptist Homes, Inc. The 208 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and

209 design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of Baptist 210 Homes, Inc., may prescribe, shall have "SON Valley" inscribed upon 211 it and shall consist of the such letters or numbers, or both, as 212 may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

213 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms 214 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the 215 216 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less 217 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis 218 219 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional 220 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the 221 county general fund.

222 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or 223 after July 1, 2007, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount 224 225 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all 226 227 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established 228 229 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the 230 time the original application is made for a distinctive license 231 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of 232 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive 233 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive 234 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 235 collector.

(4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows: (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
section shall be disbursed to Baptist Homes, Inc.

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

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

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

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

265 In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license (6) 266 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and 267 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license 268 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving 269 270 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and 271 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee 272 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed proportionately in the same manner as funds from the 273 274 sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this 275 section.

276 SECTION 4. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a 277 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge 278 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as 279 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of 280 281 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this 282 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor 283 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a 284 supporter of the Mississippi Police Benevolent Association. The 285 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and 286 design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of the 287 Mississippi Police Benevolent Association, may prescribe and shall 288 consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary 289 to distinguish each license tag.

290 Application for the distinctive license tags authorized (2) by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms 291 292 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less 293 294 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, 295 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis 296 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional 297 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the 298 county general fund.

299 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or 300 after July 1, 2007, any person applying for a distinctive license 301 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount 302 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all 303 304 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a 305 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established 306 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the 307 time the original application is made for a distinctive license 308 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive 309 310 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive 311 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 312 collector.

313 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the 314 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, 315 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the 316 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the 317 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State 318 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

319 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
320 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
321 section shall be distributed to the Police Benevolent Foundation.

322 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected 323 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall 324 be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant 325 to Section 7-9-70.

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

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

335 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as 336 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the 337 338 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under 339 The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license this section. 340 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license 341 342 tag.

343 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license 344 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and 345 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by 346 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license 347 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving 348 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and 349 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee 350 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be 351 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular 352 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

353 SECTION 5. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a 354 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as 355 356 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup 357 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of 358 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this 359 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor 360 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary. 361 The 362 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of the Knights 363 364 of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, may prescribe and shall consist 365 of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to 366 distinguish each license tag.

367 Application for the distinctive license tags authorized (2) 368 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms 369 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less 370 371 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis 372 373 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional 374 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the 375 county general fund.

376 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
377 after July 1, 2007, any person applying for a distinctive license
378 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
379 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
380 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all

other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a 381 382 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the 383 384 time the original application is made for a distinctive license 385 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive 386 387 If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag. 388 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 389 collector.

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

396 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
397 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
398 section shall be distributed to the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies
399 Auxiliary.

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

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

409 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
410 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
411 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
412 27-19-44.2.

413 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as 414 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under 415 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the

416 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under 417 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license 418 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, 419 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license 420 tag.

In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license 421 (6) 422 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and 423 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by 424 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving 425 426 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and 427 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee 428 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be 429 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular 430 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 6. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a 431 432 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge 433 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as 434 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup 435 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of 436 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this 437 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor 438 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a 439 supporter of Oak Grove High School. The distinctive license tags 440 so issued shall display the words "Oak Grove High School" and 441 shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of the principal of Oak Grove High School, may 442 443 prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, 444 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

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

451 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional 452 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the 453 county general fund.

454 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or 455 after July 1, 2007, any person applying for a distinctive license 456 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount 457 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag 458 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all 459 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established 460 461 The additional fee is due and payable at the license tag year. 462 time the original application is made for a distinctive license 463 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of 464 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive 465 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 466 467 collector.

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

474 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
475 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
476 section shall be distributed to the Oak Grove High School parent
477 teacher association.

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

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

485 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or 486 reconstruction of highways.

487 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
488 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
489 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
490 27-19-44.2.

491 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under 492 493 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the 494 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under 495 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license 496 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, 497 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license 498 tag.

499 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license 500 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and 501 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by 502 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving 503 504 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and 505 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee 506 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular 507 508 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

509 SECTION 7. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a 510 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as 511 512 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup 513 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of 514 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this 515 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor 516 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a 517 supporter of the Electric Power Associations of Mississippi 518 Foundation. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of 519 such color and design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice

520 of the Board of Directors of the Electric Power Associations of 521 Mississippi Foundation, may prescribe and shall consist of such 522 letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish 523 each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized 524 525 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the 526 527 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less 528 Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be 529 remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as 530 prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional fee 531 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county 532 general fund.

533 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or 534 after July 1, 2007, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount 535 536 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all 537 538 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established 539 540 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license 541 542 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of 543 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive 544 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive 545 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 546 collector.

547 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the 548 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, 549 the State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected 550 under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute 551 such collections as follows:

552 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee 553 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this 554 section shall be distributed to the Electric Power Associations of 555 Mississippi Foundation.

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

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

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

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as 569 570 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under 571 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under 572 The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license 573 this section. 574 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, 575 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag. 576

577 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license 578 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and 579 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license 580 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving 581 582 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and 583 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee 584 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be 585 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular 586 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

587 <u>SECTION 8.</u> (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a 588 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge 589 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as 590 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of 591 592 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor 593 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a 594 supporter of Ridgeland High School athletic programs. 595 The 596 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and 597 design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of the Ridgeland High School Titan Pride Athletic Booster Club, may 598 599 prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, 600 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

601 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized 602 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms 603 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less 604 605 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, 606 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis 607 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional 608 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the 609 county general fund.

610 Beginning with any registration year commencing on or (3) 611 after July 1, 2007, any person applying for a distinctive license 612 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount 613 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag 614 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a 615 616 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established 617 The additional fee is due and payable at the license tag year. 618 time the original application is made for a distinctive license 619 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of 620 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive 621 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive 622 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 623 collector.

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

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
section shall be distributed to the Ridgeland High School Titan
Pride Athletic Booster Club.

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

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

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

647 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as 648 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under 649 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the 650 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under 651 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license 652 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, 653 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license 654 tag.

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

SECTION 9. 665 (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a 666 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge 667 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as 668 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup 669 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of 670 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this 671 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a 672 673 supporter of the Mississippi Tennis Association. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the 674 675 State Tax Commission, with the advice of the Mississippi Tennis 676 Association, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or 677 numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license 678 tag.

679 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized 680 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms 681 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the 682 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less 683 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis 684 685 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional 686 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the 687 county general fund.

688 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or 689 after July 1, 2007, any person applying for a distinctive license 690 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount 691 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag 692 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all 693 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a

period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established 694 695 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license 696 697 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive 698 699 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive 700 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 701 collector.

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

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

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

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

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

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

733 In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license (6) tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and 734 735 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license 736 737 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and 738 739 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee 740 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be 741 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular 742 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

743 (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a SECTION 10. resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge 744 745 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as 746 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup 747 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of 748 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this 749 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor 750 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of GFWC Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. 751 752 The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and 753 design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of the GFWC 754 Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., may prescribe and 755 shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be 756 necessary to distinguish each license tag.

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

764 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the 765 county general fund.

766 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or 767 after July 1, 2007, any person applying for a distinctive license 768 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag 769 770 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a 771 772 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established The additional fee is due and payable at the 773 license tag year. 774 time the original application is made for a distinctive license 775 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of 776 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive 777 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive 778 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 779 collector.

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

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
section shall be distributed to the GFWC Mississippi Federation of
Women's Clubs, Inc.

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

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

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

803 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as 804 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under 805 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under 806 807 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license 808 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, 809 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license 810 tag.

In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license 811 (6) tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and 812 813 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license 814 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving 815 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and 816 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee 817 818 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be 819 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular 820 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

821 SECTION 11. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a 822 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge 823 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup 824 825 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of 826 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this 827 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor 828 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a 829 supporter of Leake County public schools. The distinctive license 830 tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the State Tax 831 Commission, with the advice of the Leake County School District, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or 832 833 both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

Application for the distinctive license tags authorized 834 (2) 835 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the 836 837 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, 838 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis 839 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional 840 841 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the 842 county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or 843 844 after July 1, 2007, any person applying for a distinctive license 845 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag 846 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all 847 848 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established 849 850 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the 851 time the original application is made for a distinctive license 852 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of 853 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive 854 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive 855 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 856 collector.

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

863 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
864 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
865 section shall be distributed to the Leake County School District.

866 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected867 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall

868 be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant 869 to Section 7-9-70.

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

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

879 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under 880 881 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the 882 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under 883 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license 884 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, 885 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license 886 tag.

887 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and 888 889 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license 890 891 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving 892 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and 893 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee 894 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be 895 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular 896 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

897 <u>SECTION 12.</u> (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a 898 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge 899 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as 900 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup 901 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of 902 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this

section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor 903 904 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a 905 supporter of the Clinton Community Nature Center. The distinctive 906 license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the 907 State Tax Commission, with the advice of the Board of Trustees of 908 Clinton Community Nature Center, may prescribe and shall consist 909 of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to 910 distinguish each license tag.

911 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms 912 913 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less 914 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, 915 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis 916 917 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the 918 919 county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or 920 921 after July 1, 2007, any person applying for a distinctive license 922 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount 923 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag 924 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a 925 926 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established 927 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the 928 time the original application is made for a distinctive license 929 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of 930 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive 931 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive 932 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 933 collector.

934 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
935 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
936 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the
937 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the

938 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State 939 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

940 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
941 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
942 section shall be distributed to the Clinton Community Nature
943 Center.

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

948 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee 949 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this 950 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund 951 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or 952 reconstruction of highways.

953 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected 954 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall 955 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 956 27-19-44.2.

957 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as 958 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under 959 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under 960 961 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license 962 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, 963 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license 964 taq.

965 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license 966 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and 967 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by 968 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license 969 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving 970 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and 971 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee 972 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be

973 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular 974 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

975 SECTION 13. Section 27-19-56, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 976 amended as follows:

977 27-19-56. (1) Upon application by any legal resident of the State of Mississippi with a disability which limits or impairs the 978 979 ability to walk, the State Tax Commission shall prepare and issue 980 through the county tax collectors a special license plate bearing 981 the International Symbol of Access adopted by Rehabilitation International in 1969 at its Eleventh World Congress on 982 983 Rehabilitation of the Disabled for not more than two (2) vehicles 984 that are registered in the applicant's name. The initial 985 application shall be accompanied by the certification of a licensed physician that (a) the applicant meets the definition of 986 987 persons with disabilities which limit or impair the ability to walk; and (b) that the physician has determined that the applicant 988 989 will have the disability for at least five (5) years. The State 990 Tax Commission shall prepare and issue to the tax collectors of the various counties, decals for placement on the special license 991 The decals shall bear thereon the month in which the 992 plates. 993 license plate was issued and the year in which the special license 994 plate will expire. The special license plate issued under this 995 section is valid for the period of time that the license tag 996 attached upon a motor vehicle is issued pursuant to Section 997 27-19-31(1). A person to whom the special license plate is issued may retain the special license plate and may renew it by 998 submitting to the county tax collector, on or before its 999 1000 expiration, the certification of a licensed physician that the 1001 physician has determined (a) that the applicant meets the 1002 definition of a person with a disability which limits or impairs 1003 the ability to walk; and (b) that the applicant will have the 1004 disability for at least five (5) years. If an applicant fails to 1005 renew the special license plate before its date of expiration, 1006 then he shall surrender the special license plate to the county

1007 tax collector and the tax collector shall issue to such person a 1008 regular license plate to replace the special license plate.

1009 The terms "vehicle" and "motor vehicle," as used in this 1010 section, includes motorcycles.

1011 The term "persons with disabilities which limit or impair the 1012 ability to walk" when used in this section means those persons 1013 who, as determined by a licensed physician:

1014 (a) Cannot walk two hundred (200) feet without stopping 1015 to rest; or

1016 (b) Cannot walk without the use of, or assistance from,
1017 a brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device,
1018 wheelchair, or other assistive device; or

1019 (c) Are restricted by lung disease to such an extent 1020 that the person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one 1021 (1) second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one (1) 1022 liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty (60) 1023 mm/hg on room air at rest; or

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(d) Use portable oxygen; or

(e) Have a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class III or Class IV according to standards set by the American Heart Association; or

1029 (f) Are severely limited in their ability to walk due 1030 to an arthritic, neurological or orthopedic condition.

1031 An applicant for a special license plate bearing the 1032 International Symbol of Access shall not be required to pay any 1033 fee or charge for the issuance of such license plate separate from 1034 or in addition to the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem 1035 taxes and registration fees otherwise required by law to be paid 1036 for the issuance of a regular license plate for such vehicle.

1037 (2) The State Tax Commission shall prepare removable 1038 windshield placards and such placards shall be issued and 1039 periodically renewed upon the applications of persons with 1040 disabilities which limit or impair the ability to walk. The 1041 placards shall be issued, free of charge, to applicants through 1042 the offices of the tax collectors of the counties. The initial 1043 application shall be accompanied by the certification of a licensed physician that the applicant meets the definition of 1044 persons with disabilities which limit or impair the ability to 1045 1046 walk. These placards shall be valid for the period of time that 1047 the license tag attached upon a motor vehicle is issued pursuant to Section 27-19-31(1) and may be renewed in the same manner as 1048 1049 provided for the renewal of the special license plates under 1050 subsection (1) of this section. The removable windshield placard must be displayed on the left side of the vehicle dashboard or by 1051 1052 hanging it on the rearview mirror of the vehicle. The State Tax 1053 Commission shall prescribe the placement for motorcycles.

1054 The State Tax Commission shall provide for the issuance (3) 1055 of a temporary removable windshield placard, upon the application 1056 of a person with a disability which limits or impairs the ability 1057 to walk. Temporary removable windshield placards authorized by this subsection shall be prepared by the State Tax Commission and 1058 1059 shall be issued, free of charge, to applicants through the offices 1060 of the tax collectors of the counties. Application for a 1061 temporary removable windshield placard must be accompanied by the 1062 certification of a licensed physician that the applicant meets the definition of persons with disabilities which limit or impair the 1063 1064 ability to walk. The certification shall also include the period 1065 of time that the physician determines the applicant will have the disability, not to exceed six (6) months. The temporary removable 1066 1067 windshield placard must be displayed on the left side of the 1068 vehicle dashboard or by hanging it on the rearview mirror of the 1069 The temporary removable windshield placard shall be vehicle. valid for a period of time for which the physician has determined 1070 1071 that the applicant will have the disability, not to exceed six (6) 1072 months from the date of issuance. The State Tax Commission shall 1073 prescribe the placement for motorcycles.

1074 (4) The removable windshield placard and the temporary 1075 removable windshield placard shall be two-sided and shall include: 1076 (a) The International Symbol of Access, which is at 1077 least three (3) inches in height, centered on the placard (the 1078 color of the removable windshield placard shall be white on a blue 1079 shield; and the temporary removable windshield placard shall be 1080 white on a red shield);

1081 (b) An identification number and, on the reverse side, 1082 the name of the individual to whom the placard is issued;

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(c) A date of expiration; and

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(d) The seal of the State of Mississippi.

It shall be unlawful to park a motor vehicle in an 1085 (5) (a) 1086 area set aside for persons who are disabled if the motor vehicle 1087 does not (i) have displayed the removable windshield placard 1088 authorized in this section with the date of expiration visible, 1089 (ii) have the special license plate issued under this section 1090 properly displayed upon the motor vehicle, or (iii) have the disabled American veteran tag or plate issued under Section 1091 1092 27-19-53 properly displayed upon the motor vehicle. Any person 1093 who unlawfully parks a motor vehicle in such areas, or who blocks such spaces or access thereto, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor 1094 and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than Two 1095 Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each such violation. For the third 1096 1097 and subsequent offenses under this section, the offender's 1098 driver's license shall be suspended for ninety (90) days by the 1099 Commissioner of Public Safety in accordance with Section 63-1-53 1100 in addition to any fine imposed. The court shall not suspend or 1101 reduce any fine required to be imposed under this subsection.

1102 (b) A person who is charged with a violation of this 1103 section by parking a motor vehicle in an area set aside for persons who are disabled and failing properly to display (i) a 1104 1105 removable windshield placard on the dash of the vehicle or by 1106 hanging it on the rearview mirror of the vehicle, (ii) a special license plate issued under this section upon the vehicle or (iii) 1107 a disabled American veteran tag or plate issued under Section 1108 27-19-53 upon the vehicle shall not be convicted and shall have 1109 1110 the charge dismissed upon presentation to the court of proof by

1111 means of sworn oral testimony or sworn affidavit that at the time 1112 of the charged violation he or a passenger in the vehicle 1113 possessed a valid removable windshield placard issued under this 1114 section.

(6) Any person who, for the purpose of obtaining a special license plate or windshield placard under this section, files with the county tax collector a physician's certification, knowing the certification to be false or to have been fraudulently obtained, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

(7) All law enforcement officers are authorized to enforce 1121 this section on public and private property. Provision of spaces 1122 restricted to handicapped parking and proper marking of such 1123 1124 spaces shall be considered as intent and permission to enforce such designated parking on private property. Any owner of private 1125 1126 property may tow away a vehicle that is parked on the owner's 1127 private property in violation of the disabled parking restrictions set forth in this section at the vehicle owner's expense. 1128 Τn 1129 addition, the vehicle owner may be subject to any fines or other 1130 penalties provided in this section. Only areas marked in 1131 accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines or equivalent standards shall be enforced. 1132 Spaces 1133 shall bear the International Symbol of Access.

1134 (8) Motor vehicles displaying a special license plate, license plate decal, placard or parking certificate or permit 1135 bearing the International Symbol of Access issued to a person with 1136 1137 a disability by any other state or district subject to the laws of 1138 the United States shall be allowed the special parking privileges 1139 under this section provided the license plate, decal, placard, 1140 permit or certificate bears the International Symbol of Access and 1141 is displayed in a prominent place on the vehicle.

(9) Parking in any area set aside for persons who are disabled is limited to vehicles which, immediately before or after the utilization of such an area, are used to transport a person with a disability which limits or impairs the ability to walk. 1146 The identification required to park in such an area, except as 1147 provided in subsection (8) of this section, is as follows:

(a) For a vehicle used to transport a person with a permanent disability, that person's permanent windshield placard must be displayed or the vehicle must have a special license tag issued under this section or Section 27-19-53 properly displayed.

(b) For a vehicle being used by a person who has a temporary disability which limits or impairs the ability to walk, or which is being used to transport such a person, a temporary windshield placard must be displayed.

1156 Any person who parks in an area set aside for persons who are 1157 disabled in violation of this subsection shall be punished as 1158 provided for in subsection (5) of this section.

(10) Upon application by a nursing home, retirement home or 1159 1160 other institution that transports disabled persons, the State Tax 1161 Commission may issue the special license plate authorized pursuant 1162 to this section for not more than one (1) vehicle that is 1163 registered in the applicant's name that is used to transport 1164 disabled residents of the institution. Such institution shall 1165 comply with all other laws regarding the registration of such 1166 vehicle.

1167 SECTION 14. Section 27-19-56.94, Mississippi Code of 1972, 1168 is amended as follows:

1169 27-19-56.94. (1) Beginning with any registration year 1170 commencing on or after July 1, 2005, owners of motor vehicles upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and 1171 1172 licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the road and 1173 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup 1174 1175 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of 1176 an additional annual fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be entitled to a distinctive license tag 1177 that demonstrates their appreciation of blues music. The tags 1178 1179 shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission 1180 prescribes subject to the approval of the Mississippi License Tag

1181 Commission; however, each tag shall display the words 1182 "Mississippi, Home of the Blues" and shall consist of such letters 1183 or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each 1184 license tag.

1185 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags shall be 1186 made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the State The application and the additional fee imposed 1187 Tax Commission. 1188 under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to 1189 1190 the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as prescribed by the 1191 The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax commission. collector shall be deposited into the county general fund. 1192

Any person applying for a distinctive license tag 1193 (3) * * * 1194 under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of 1195 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other 1196 1197 taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of 1198 time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established license tag 1199 year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under 1200 1201 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license 1202 1203 If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license taq. tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector. 1204

1205 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the 1206 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, 1207 the State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected 1208 under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute 1209 such collections as follows:

1210 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
1211 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
1212 section shall be deposited into the special fund created in
1213 subsection (7) of this section.

1214 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected 1215 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall 1216 be deposited into the Mississippi Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn 1217 Center Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

1218 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee 1219 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this 1220 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund 1221 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or 1222 reconstruction of highways.

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

1227 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under 1228 1229 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the 1230 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license 1231 1232 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, 1233 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license 1234 tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license 1235 1236 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by 1237 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license 1238 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving 1239 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and 1240 1241 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee 1242 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be 1243 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section. 1244

1245 (7) There is established in the State Treasury a special 1246 fund to be known as the Blues Heritage Fund which shall consist of 1247 monies required to be deposited therein under subsection (4) of 1248 this section. <u>Through July 1, 2008, monies in the special fund</u> 1249 shall be appropriated by the Legislature <u>to the Mississippi Blues</u> 1250 <u>Commission created pursuant to Section 39-27-1</u>. Thereafter monies 1251 <u>from the special fund shall be appropriated by the Legislature</u> for 1252 projects that preserve and promote Mississippi's blues music 1253 heritage. Unexpended amounts remaining in the special fund at the 1254 end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General 1255 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in 1256 the special fund shall be deposited to the credit of the special 1257 fund.

1258 (8) In order for a distinctive tag to be issued under this 1259 section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(2) must be satisfied 1260 prior to July 1, 2010.

1261 SECTION 15. Section 27-19-44, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1262 amended as follows:

1263 27-19-44. (1) For any distinctive license tag or plate 1264 authorized by the Legislature from and after July 1, 2000, through 1265 June 30, 2002, or authorized by Sections 27-19-56.37 and 27-19-56.55, the requirements of this subsection must be met 1266 1267 before the State Tax Commission may prepare or issue any such 1268 license tag or plate. The organization or other entity for which 1269 the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof satisfactory to the State Tax Commission that at 1270 1271 least one hundred (100) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and must deposit with the commission an amount necessary 1272 to purchase one hundred (100) of such license tags or plates. 1273 The 1274 organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized 1275 the distinctive license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements 1276 of this subsection (1) within two (2) years after the effective 1277 date of the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to 1278 permit the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued.

1279 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (1) of this
1280 section, any distinctive license tag or plate authorized by the
1281 Legislature from and after July 1, 2002, <u>through June 30, 2007,</u>
1282 the requirements of this subsection must be met before the State
1283 Tax Commission may prepare or issue any such license tag or plate.
1284 The organization or other entity for which the Legislature
1285 authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof

1286 satisfactory to the State Tax Commission that at least two hundred 1287 (200) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and must deposit with the commission an amount necessary to purchase two 1288 1289 hundred (200) of such license tags or plates. The organization or 1290 other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive 1291 license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements of this subsection (2) within three (3) years after the effective date of 1292 1293 the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to permit the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued. 1294

1295 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any 1296 distinctive license tag or plate authorized by the Legislature from and after July 1, 2007, the requirements of this subsection 1297 1298 must be met before the State Tax Commission may prepare or issue any such license tag or plate. The organization or other entity 1299 1300 for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof satisfactory to the State Tax 1301 1302 Commission that at least three hundred (300) of such license tags 1303 or plates will be purchased and must deposit with the commission 1304 an amount necessary to purchase three hundred (300) of such 1305 license tags or plates. The organization or other entity for 1306 which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements of this subsection (3) within 1307 three (3) years after the effective date of the law authorizing 1308 1309 the license tag or plate in order to permit the license tag or 1310 plate to be prepared and issued.

1311 (4) If the organization or other entity for which the 1312 Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate meets 1313 the requirements of subsection (1), (2) or (3) of this section, 1314 the State Tax Commission shall prepare and issue the distinctive 1315 license tag or plate.

1316 (5) The State Tax Commission shall review the number of 1317 distinctive or special license tags or plates issued pursuant to 1318 this chapter during the period for the license tag or plate 1319 series. If the number of any distinctive or special license tag 1320 or plate issued pursuant to this chapter falls below one hundred (100) in the last year of the license tag or plate series, the distinctive or special license tag or plate shall be discontinued at the end of the period for the license tag or plate series.

If a distinctive or special license tag or plate is 1324 (6) discontinued under subsection (5) of this section, the 1325 organization or other entity for which the license tag or plate 1326 1327 was discontinued may prepare a distinctive or special license tag 1328 or plate decal. The distinctive or special license tag or plate decal shall be of such size, color and design as may be agreed 1329 1330 upon by the organization or other entity and the State Tax Commission. However, the State Tax Commission shall have final 1331 approval of the size, color and design of the decal. 1332 The distinctive or special license tag or plate decals shall be 1333 1334 prepared and sold by the organization or other entity, and the 1335 proceeds derived from the sale of such decals shall be retained by 1336 the organization or other entity for any use deemed appropriate by the organization or other entity. 1337

1338 (7) The provisions of this section shall not apply to 1339 distinctive or special license tags or plates:

(a) Which are issued under Section 27-19-45, 27-19-46,
27-19-47.1, 27-19-47.2, 27-19-48, 27-19-49, 27-19-53, 27-19-55,
27-19-56, 27-19-56.1, 27-19-56.2, 27-19-56.3, 27-19-56.5,
27-19-56.6, 27-19-56.9, 27-19-56.11, 27-19-56.12, 27-19-56.13,
27-19-56.62, 27-19-56.69, 27-19-56.79 or 27-19-56.137; or

(b) For which no additional fee is required to be paid.
SECTION 16. This act shall take effect and be in force from
and after July 1, 2007.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A DISTINCTIVE MOTOR 1 2 VEHICLE LICENSE TAG TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE EQUINE 3 ASSOCIATION; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR 4 VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF LAMAR CHRISTIAN SCHOOL; TO 5 PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE б TAG FOR SUPPORTERS OF BAPTIST HOMES, INC.; TO AUTHORIZE THE 7 ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS 8 OF THE MISSISSIPPI POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION; TO AUTHORIZE THE 9 ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS 10 OF KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER LADIES AUXILIARY; TO AUTHORIZE THE

ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS 11 OF OAK GROVE HIGH SCHOOL; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A 12 DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAG TO SUPPORTERS OF THE 13 14 ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATIONS OF MISSISSIPPI FOUNDATION; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS 15 16 TO SUPPORTERS OF RIDGELAND HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAMS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS 17 TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI TENNIS ASSOCIATION; TO AUTHORIZE 18 19 THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE GFWC MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE 20 21 LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF LEAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS; TO 2.2 23 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS 24 TO SUPPORTERS OF THE CLINTON COMMUNITY NATURE CENTER; TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS; TO 25 PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF MONIES DERIVED FROM THE ADDITIONAL 26 FEES; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO 27 28 INCREASE FROM ONE TO TWO THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SPECIAL LICENSE TAGS THAT MAY BE ISSUED TO A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHICH LIMITS 29 30 OR IMPAIRS THE ABILITY TO WALK; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.94, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE "MISSISSIPPI, HOME OF 31 THE BLUES" DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAG AND TO PROVIDE 32 THAT MONEY IN THE BLUES HERITAGE FUND SHALL BE APPROPRIATED TO THE 33 34 MISSISSIPPI BLUES COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-44, 35 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE TAX COMMISSION 36 MAY NOT PREPARE OR ISSUE ANY DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAG OR PLATE 37 AUTHORIZED BY THE LEGISLATURE AFTER JULY 1, 2007, UNLESS THE ORGANIZATION OR OTHER ENTITY FOR WHICH THE LEGISLATURE AUTHORIZED 38 39 THE TAG SUBMITS PROOF TO THE COMMISSION THAT AT LEAST 300 TAGS OR PLATES WILL BE PURCHASED AND DEPOSITS WITH THE COMMISSION AN 40 41 AMOUNT NECESSARY TO PURCHASE THAT NUMBER; AND FOR RELATED 42 PURPOSES.

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