

By: Representative Turner

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 142

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.108, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE
3 LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-19-56.108, Mississippi Code of 1972,
7 is amended as follows:

8 27-19-56.108. (1) Beginning with any registration year
9 commencing on or after July 1, 2011, any owner of a motor vehicle,
10 who is a resident of this state, upon complying with the motor
11 vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor
12 vehicles, and upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes,
13 ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for
14 private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other
15 noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional
16 annual fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
17 section, shall be issued a special license tag for each motor
18 vehicle registered in his name identifying him as a supporter of
19 Rotary International. The distinctive license tags so issued



20 shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue,
21 with the advice of the Past Governor, District 6820, Rotary
22 International, may prescribe, and shall consist of such letters or
23 numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license
24 tag.

25 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
26 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
27 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the
28 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
29 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
30 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis
31 as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional
32 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
33 county general fund.

34 (3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under
35 this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty
36 Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for
37 under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes
38 and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time
39 to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag
40 year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the
41 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
42 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
43 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license



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

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the department 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 equally to District 6800, District 6820 and District 6840, Rotary International.

(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.

(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 proportionately in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(5) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, * * * 2024.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

