

By: Representatives Anthony, Rosebud

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 506

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-44, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO EXEMPT THE DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAG AUTHORIZED TO
3 BE ISSUED TO SUPPORTERS OF THOMAS E. EDWARDS HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE
4 REQUIREMENT THAT A CERTAIN NUMBER OF SUCH TAGS MUST BE PURCHASED
5 PRIOR TO ISSUANCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-19-44, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 27-19-44. (1) For any distinctive license tag or plate
10 authorized by the Legislature from and after July 1, 2000, through
11 June 30, 2002, or authorized by Sections 27-19-56.37 and
12 27-19-56.55, the requirements of this subsection must be met
13 before the Department of Revenue may prepare or issue any such
14 license tag or plate. The organization or other entity for which
15 the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate
16 must submit proof satisfactory to the Department of Revenue that
17 at least one hundred (100) of such license tags or plates will be
18 purchased and must deposit with the department an amount necessary
19 to purchase one hundred (100) of such license tags or plates. The



20 organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized
21 the distinctive license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements
22 of this subsection (1) within two (2) years after the effective
23 date of the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to
24 permit the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued.

25 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (1) of this
26 section, for any distinctive license tag or plate authorized by
27 the Legislature from and after July 1, 2002, through June 30,
28 2007, the requirements of this subsection must be met before the
29 Department of Revenue may prepare or issue any such license tag or
30 plate. The organization or other entity for which the Legislature
31 authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof
32 satisfactory to the Department of Revenue that at least two
33 hundred (200) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and
34 must deposit with the department an amount necessary to purchase
35 two hundred (200) of such license tags or plates. The
36 organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized
37 the distinctive license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements
38 of this subsection (2) within three (3) years after the effective
39 date of the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to
40 permit the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued.

41 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, Section
42 27-19-56.56, Section 27-19-56.59, Section 27-19-56.94, Section
43 27-19-56.7 or Section 27-19-56.85, for any distinctive license tag
44 or plate authorized or reauthorized by the Legislature from and



45 after July 1, 2007, the following requirements must be met before
46 the Department of Revenue may prepare or issue any such license
47 tag or plate:

48 (a) The organization or other entity for which the
49 Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must
50 submit proof satisfactory to the Department of Revenue that at
51 least three hundred (300) of such license tags or plates will be
52 purchased and must deposit with the department an amount necessary
53 to purchase three hundred (300) of such license tags or plates.

54 (b) The organization or other entity for which the
55 Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must
56 satisfy the requirements of paragraph (a) of this subsection (3)
57 within three (3) years after the effective date of the law
58 authorizing the license tag or plate in order to permit the
59 license tag or plate to be prepared and issued. This paragraph
60 (b) shall not apply to distinctive tags or plates issued under
61 Section 27-19-56.154.

62 (4) Any distinctive license tag authorized under Sections
63 27-19-56.186, 27-19-56.203 and 27-19-56.315 must meet the
64 requirements of this subsection before the Department of Revenue
65 may prepare or issue any such license tag or plate. The
66 organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized
67 the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof
68 satisfactory to the Department of Revenue that at least one
69 hundred (100) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and



70 must deposit with the department an amount necessary to purchase
71 one hundred (100) of such license tags or plates. The
72 organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized
73 the distinctive license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements
74 of this subsection (4) within three (3) years after the effective
75 date of the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to
76 permit the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued.

77 (5) The distinctive license tags authorized under Section
78 27-19-56.108 must meet the requirements of this subsection before
79 the Department of Revenue may prepare or issue any such license
80 tag or plate. The organization or other entity for which the
81 Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must
82 submit proof satisfactory to the Department of Revenue that at
83 least two hundred (200) of such license tags or plates will be
84 purchased and must deposit with the department an amount necessary
85 to purchase two hundred (200) of such license tags or plates.

86 (6) If the organization or other entity for which the
87 Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate meets
88 the requirements of subsection (1), (2), (3), (4) or (5) of this
89 section, the Department of Revenue shall prepare and issue the
90 distinctive license tag or plate.

91 (7) The Department of Revenue shall review the number of
92 distinctive or special license tags or plates issued pursuant to
93 this chapter during the period for the license tag or plate
94 series. If the number of any distinctive or special license tag



95 or plate issued pursuant to this chapter falls below one hundred
96 (100) in the last year of the license tag or plate series, the
97 distinctive or special license tag or plate shall be discontinued
98 at the end of the period for the license tag or plate series.

99 (8) If a distinctive or special license tag or plate is
100 discontinued under subsection (7) of this section, the
101 organization or other entity for which the license tag or plate
102 was discontinued may prepare a distinctive or special license tag
103 or plate decal. The distinctive or special license tag or plate
104 decal shall be of such size, color and design as may be agreed
105 upon by the organization or other entity and the Department of
106 Revenue. However, the Department of Revenue shall have final
107 approval of the size, color and design of the decal. The
108 distinctive or special license tag or plate decals shall be
109 prepared and sold by the organization or other entity, and the
110 proceeds derived from the sale of such decals shall be retained by
111 the organization or other entity for any use deemed appropriate by
112 the organization or other entity.

113 (9) The provisions of this section shall not apply to
114 distinctive or special license tags or plates:

115 (a) Which are issued under Section 27-19-45, 27-19-46,
116 27-19-47.1, 27-19-47.2, 27-19-48, 27-19-49, 27-19-53, 27-19-55,
117 27-19-56, 27-19-56.1, 27-19-56.2, 27-19-56.3, 27-19-56.5,
118 27-19-56.6, 27-19-56.9, 27-19-56.11, 27-19-56.12, 27-19-56.13,
119 27-19-56.40, 27-19-56.62, 27-19-56.69, 27-19-56.79, 27-19-56.90,



120 27-19-56.125, 27-19-56.127, 27-19-56.137, 27-19-56.140,
121 27-19-56.162, 27-19-56.187, 27-19-56.199, 27-19-56.205,
122 27-19-56.239, 27-19-56.292, 27-19-56.318, 27-19-56.379,
123 27-19-56.425, 27-19-56.466, 27-19-56.489, 27-19-56.503,
124 27-19-56.522 or 27-19-56.524; or

125 (b) For which no additional fee is required to be paid.

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

