

House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2437

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE 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:

5 SECTION 1. (1) Beginning with any registration year
6 commencing on or after July 1, 2021, any owner of a motor vehicle
7 who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and
8 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
9 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
10 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
11 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
12 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
13 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
14 supporter of Wildlife Mississippi. The distinctive license tags
15 so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of
16 Revenue, with the advice of Wildlife Mississippi, may prescribe
17 and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be
18 necessary to distinguish each license tag.

19 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
20 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
21 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the

22 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
23 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
24 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis
25 as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional
26 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
27 county general fund.

28 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
29 after July 1, 2021, any person applying for a distinctive license
30 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
31 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
32 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
33 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
34 period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established
35 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
36 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
37 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
38 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
39 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
40 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
41 collector.

42 (4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into
43 the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each
44 month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State
45 Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the
46 issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this

47 section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as
48 follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

83 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
84 and after July 1, 2021, and shall stand repealed on June 29, 2021.

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

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE
2 LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF WILDLIFE MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

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