

By: Representative Roberson

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 463

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.342, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE
3 LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF CALLAWAY HIGH SCHOOL; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-19-56.342, Mississippi Code of 1972,
7 is amended as follows:

8 27-19-56.342. (1) Beginning with any registration year
9 commencing on or after July 1, 2022, any owner of a motor vehicle
10 who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and
11 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
12 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
13 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
14 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
15 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
16 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
17 supporter of Callaway High School. The distinctive license tags
18 so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of
19 Revenue, with the advice of the Principal of Callaway High School,



20 may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or
21 both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

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

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

43 (4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into
44 the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each



45 month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State
46 Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the
47 issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this
48 section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as
49 follows:

50 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
51 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
52 section shall be distributed to Callaway High School for support
53 of the school's athletics program.

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

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

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

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



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

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

85 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued
86 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be
87 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, * * *
88 2025.

89 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
90 and after July 1, 2022.

