

By: Representative Roberson

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 465

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.314, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
2 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE  
3 LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MIND CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
4 MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-19-56.314, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
7 is amended as follows:

8 27-19-56.314. (1) Beginning with any registration year  
9 commencing on or after July 1, \* \* \* 2022, any owner of a motor  
10 vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road  
11 and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees  
12 as 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 the MIND Center at the University of Mississippi  
18 Medical Center. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be  
19 of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the



20 advice of the MIND Center at the University of Mississippi Medical  
21 Center, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or  
22 numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license  
23 tag.

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

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



45           (4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into  
46 the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each  
47 month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State  
48 Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the  
49 issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this  
50 section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as  
51 follows:

52           (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee  
53 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
54 section shall be distributed to a special fund hereby created in  
55 the State Treasury to the credit of the MIND Center at the  
56 University of Mississippi Medical Center. The fund shall be  
57 available for expenditure at the discretion of the University of  
58 Mississippi Medical Center for the benefit of the MIND Center.

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

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

68           (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
69 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall



70 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
71 27-19-44.2.

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

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

90 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued  
91 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be  
92 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, \* \* \*  
93 2025.



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

