

By: Representative Roberson

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 468

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
2 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE  
3 LICENSE TAGS THAT DISPLAY THE EMBLEMS OF UNIVERSITIES LOCATED IN  
4 OTHER STATES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-19-56.15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 27-19-56.15. (1) (a) 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 complying with the  
11 motor 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 of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), shall be  
17 issued a distinctive license tag that displays the emblem of any  
18 public or private university of his choice located in another  
19 state.



20 (b) The design of the emblems for the distinctive  
21 license tags authorized under this subsection shall be determined  
22 by agreement between the Department of Revenue and the governing  
23 authorities of public or private universities in the states where  
24 the universities are located. Such other design characteristics  
25 and information to be contained on such distinctive license tags  
26 shall be determined by the Department of Revenue.

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

35 (d) (i) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all  
36 fees that it receives under this subsection into the State  
37 Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month, the  
38 Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees collected under  
39 this section to the State Treasurer who, except as otherwise  
40 provided in this paragraph (d), shall distribute such collections  
41 as follows:

42 1. Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of the  
43 additional fees collected from each distinctive license tag issued



44 under this subsection shall be deposited into the State General  
45 Fund.

46                   2. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee  
47 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
48 section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund  
49 created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

50                   3. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee  
51 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
52 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund  
53 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or  
54 reconstruction of highways.

55                   4. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee  
56 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
57 section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund  
58 created in Section 27-19-44.2.

59                   (ii) The Treasurer shall distribute fees collected  
60 under this section from the issuance of distinctive license tags  
61 displaying the emblem of Auburn University as follows:

62                   1. Except as otherwise provided in this item  
63 1, Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee collected on  
64 such distinctive license tags pursuant to this section shall be  
65 distributed to the Adult Education Department of the Rankin County  
66 School District for the purpose of providing funds for the Rankin  
67 County School District GED Scholarship Endowment. However, from  
68 and after January 1, 2013, Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each



69 additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags pursuant  
70 to this section shall be distributed to Habitat for Humanity/Metro  
71 Jackson, Inc.

72                   2. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee  
73 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
74 section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund  
75 created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

76                   3. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee  
77 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
78 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund  
79 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or  
80 reconstruction of highways.

81                   4. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee  
82 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
83 section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund  
84 created in Section 27-19-44.2.

85                   (iii) The State Treasurer shall distribute fees  
86 collected under this section from the issuance of distinctive  
87 license tags displaying the emblem of the University of Alabama as  
88 follows:

89                   1. Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each  
90 additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags pursuant  
91 to this section shall be distributed to the Friends of Children's  
92 Hospital.



93                   2. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee  
94 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
95 section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund  
96 created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

97                   3. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee  
98 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
99 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund  
100 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or  
101 reconstruction of highways.

102                   4. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee  
103 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
104 section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund  
105 created in Section 27-19-44.2.

106                   (iv) The State Treasurer shall distribute fees  
107 collected under this section from the issuance of distinctive  
108 license tags displaying the emblem of the University of South  
109 Alabama as follows:

110                   1. Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each  
111 additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags pursuant  
112 to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Trauma  
113 Care Systems Fund established in Section 41-59-75.

114                   2. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee  
115 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
116 section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund  
117 created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.



118                   3. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee  
119 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
120 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund  
121 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or  
122 reconstruction of highways.

123                   4. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee  
124 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
125 section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund  
126 created in Section 27-19-44.2.

127                   (v) The State Treasurer shall distribute fees  
128 collected under this section from the issuance of distinctive  
129 license tags displaying the emblem of the University of Oklahoma  
130 as follows:

131                   1. Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each  
132 additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags pursuant  
133 to this section shall be distributed to Mississippi Gulf Coast  
134 Y.M.C.A., Inc.

135                   2. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee  
136 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
137 section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund  
138 created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

139                   3. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee  
140 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
141 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund



142 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or  
143 reconstruction of highways.

144                   4. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee  
145 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
146 section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund  
147 created in Section 27-19-44.2.

148                   (vi) The State Treasurer shall distribute fees  
149 collected under this section from the issuance of distinctive  
150 license tags displaying the emblem of the Louisiana State  
151 University as follows:

152                   1. Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each  
153 additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags pursuant  
154 to this section shall be distributed to the Bayou Bengal Booster  
155 Club of Mississippi to be utilized by the club to make  
156 contributions to charitable organizations that are approved by the  
157 Chancellor of Louisiana State University.

158                   2. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee  
159 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
160 section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund  
161 created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

162                   3. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee  
163 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
164 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund  
165 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or  
166 reconstruction of highways.



167                   4. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee  
168 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
169 section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund  
170 created in Section 27-19-44.2.

171                   (vii) The State Treasurer shall distribute fees  
172 collected under this section from the issuance of distinctive  
173 license tags displaying the emblem of the University of Memphis as  
174 follows:

175                   1. Twenty-two Dollars (\$22.00) of each  
176 additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags pursuant  
177 to this section shall be distributed to Baptist Memorial Hospital  
178 DeSoto.

179                   2. Twenty-two Dollars (\$22.00) of each  
180 additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags pursuant  
181 to this section shall be distributed to the Methodist Healthcare  
182 Foundation for the Methodist Olive Branch Hospital.

183                   3. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee  
184 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
185 section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund  
186 created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

187                   4. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee  
188 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
189 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund  
190 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or  
191 reconstruction of highways.





192                   5. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee  
193 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
194 section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund  
195 created in Section 27-19-44.2.

196                   (viii) The State Treasurer shall distribute fees  
197 collected under this section from the issuance of distinctive  
198 license tags displaying the emblem of Clemson University as  
199 follows:

200                   1. Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each  
201 additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags pursuant  
202 to this section shall be distributed to the Magnolia Clemson Club.

203                   2. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee  
204 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
205 section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund  
206 created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

207                   3. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee  
208 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
209 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund  
210 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or  
211 reconstruction of highways.

212                   4. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee  
213 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
214 section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund  
215 created in Section 27-19-44.2.



216 (ix) The State Treasurer shall distribute fees  
217 collected under this section from the issuance of distinctive  
218 license tags displaying the emblem of Texas A&M University as  
219 follows:

220 1. Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each  
221 additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags pursuant  
222 to this section shall be distributed to the Aggie Scholarship  
223 Committee, Inc.

224 2. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee  
225 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
226 section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund  
227 created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

228 3. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee  
229 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
230 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund  
231 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or  
232 reconstruction of highways.

233 4. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee  
234 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
235 section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund  
236 created in Section 27-19-44.2.

237 (x) The State Treasurer shall distribute fees  
238 collected under this section from the issuance of distinctive  
239 license tags displaying the emblem of Florida State University as  
240 follows:



241                   1. Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each  
242 additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags pursuant  
243 to this section shall be distributed to the Florida State  
244 University Veterans Alliance Fund.

245                   2. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee  
246 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
247 section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund  
248 created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

249                   3. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee  
250 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
251 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund  
252 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or  
253 reconstruction of highways.

254                   4. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee  
255 collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
256 section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund  
257 created in Section 27-19-44.2.

258           (2) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as  
259 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under  
260 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the  
261 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under  
262 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license  
263 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,  
264 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license  
265 tag.



266 (3) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
267 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
268 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
269 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
270 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
271 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
272 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
273 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be  
274 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular  
275 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

276 (4) In order for a distinctive license tag for a university  
277 to be issued pursuant to this section, the provisions of Section  
278 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for such university license tag  
279 prior to July 1, \* \* \* 2025.

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

