

By: Representative Zuber

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 637

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE  
2 LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF GAUTIER ATHLETICS; TO PRESCRIBE AN  
3 ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS; TO PROVIDE  
4 FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED FROM THE  
5 ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a  
8 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge  
9 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as  
10 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup  
11 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of  
12 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this  
13 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor  
14 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a  
15 supporter of Gautier athletics. The distinctive license tags so  
16 issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of  
17 Revenue, with the advice of the Pascagoula - Gautier School  
18 District, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or



19 numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license  
20 tag.

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

30 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or  
31 after July 1, 2022, any person applying for a distinctive license  
32 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount  
33 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag  
34 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all  
35 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a  
36 period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established  
37 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the  
38 time the original application is made for a distinctive license  
39 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of  
40 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive  
41 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive  
42 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax  
43 collector.



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

51           (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee  
52 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
53 section shall be distributed to the Pascagoula - Gautier School  
54 District to be expended for the support of athletic programs of  
55 district schools located in the City of Gautier, Mississippi.

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

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

65           (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
66 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall  
67 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
68 27-19-44.2.



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

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

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

