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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2223

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE  
2 LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE 2021 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP  
3 BULLDOGS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) Beginning with any registration year  
6 commencing on or after July 1, 2022, 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 the 2021 National Championship Bulldogs. The  
15 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and  
16 design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the  
17 President of Mississippi State University or his designee, may  
18 prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both,



19 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag. The  
20 President of Mississippi State University or his designee shall  
21 choose the first one hundred (100) tag numbers and provide them to  
22 the Department of Revenue.

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

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



44 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax  
45 collector.

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

53 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee  
54 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
55 section shall be distributed to the Mississippi State University  
56 Foundation.

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

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

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



68 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
69 27-19-44.2.

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

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

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

