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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2223
(As Sent to Governor)

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) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
6 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge
7 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
8 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
9 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
10 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
11 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
12 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
13 supporter of the 2021 National Championship Bulldogs. The
14 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and
15 design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the
16 President of Mississippi State University or his designee, may
17 prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both,
18 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag. The



19 President of Mississippi State University or his designee shall
20 choose the first one hundred (100) tag numbers and provide them to
21 the Department of Revenue.

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 under
32 this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Fifty
33 Dollars (\$50.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for
34 under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes
35 and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time
36 to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag
37 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) Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee
51 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
52 section shall be distributed to the Mississippi State University
53 Foundation.

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 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
86 and after its passage.

