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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2374

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.93, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO REVISE THE LANGUAGE DESIGNATING THE ORGANIZATION
3 RECEIVING THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE SPECIAL
4 BREAST CANCER AWARENESS LICENSE TAG; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-19-56.93, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 27-19-56.93. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a
9 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws
10 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon
11 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes
12 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of
13 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,
14 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount
15 provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a
16 special breast cancer awareness license tag for each motor vehicle
17 registered in his name. The distinctive license tags so issued
18 shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue,
19 with the advice of * * * the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer



20 Foundation, may prescribe, and shall consist of such letters or
21 numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license
22 tag.

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, 2004, 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 disbursed to the * * * Mississippi Breast and
56 Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program.

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 proportionately in the same manner as funds from the
87 sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this
88 section.

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

