

By: Representative Foster

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 358

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.506, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE
3 LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE FORMER HINDS AGRICULTURAL HIGH
4 SCHOOL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-19-56.506, Mississippi Code of 1972,
7 is amended as follows:

8 27-19-56.506. (1) Beginning with any registration year
9 commencing on or after July 1, 2023, any owner of a motor vehicle
10 who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and
11 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
12 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
13 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
14 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
15 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
16 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
17 supporter of the former Hinds Agricultural High School. The
18 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and
19 design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Hinds



20 Agricultural High School Alumni Association, may prescribe and
21 shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be
22 necessary to distinguish each license 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) * * * Any person applying for a distinctive license tag
33 under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of
34 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied
35 for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other
36 taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of
37 time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license
38 tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the
39 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
40 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
41 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license
42 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
43 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 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 Hinds Agricultural High School
54 Alumni Association.

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

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

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



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

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

86 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued
87 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be
88 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2026.

89 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
90 and after July 1, 2023.

