

By: Representative Zuber

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1136
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE
2 LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE 2022 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OLE
3 MISS REBELS BASEBALL TEAM; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF
4 DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE 2021
5 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OLE MISS REBELS WOMEN'S GOLF TEAM; TO
6 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS
7 TO SUPPORTERS OF NORTHEAST JONES HIGH SCHOOL; TO AUTHORIZE THE
8 ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS
9 OF MISSISSIPPI TOWING AND RECOVERY PROFESSIONALS, INC.; TO
10 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS
11 TO SUPPORTERS OF JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA, INC.; TO AUTHORIZE THE
12 ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO PERSONS WHO
13 ARE THE UNREMARIED SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A PERSON WHO WAS A LAW
14 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEE WHO DIED
15 WHILE ENGAGED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER OFFICIAL DUTIES OR
16 WAS WOUNDED OR OTHERWISE RECEIVED INTENTIONAL OR ACCIDENTAL BODILY
17 INJURY WHILE ENGAGED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER OFFICIAL
18 DUTIES AND LATER DIED AS A RESULT OF SUCH WOUNDS OR INJURY; TO
19 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS
20 TO PERSONS WHO ARE REGISTERED RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS; TO AUTHORIZE
21 THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO PERSONS
22 WHO ARE HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM SERVICE AS MEMBERS OF THE UNITED
23 STATES MERCHANT MARINE; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.549, MISSISSIPPI
24 CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR
25 VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI ROAD
26 BUILDERS ASSOCIATION; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE
27 MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE CLINTON PUBLIC
28 SCHOOL DISTRICT; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR
29 VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF MAGNOLIA SPEECH SCHOOL; TO
30 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS
31 TO SUPPORTERS OF COAHOMA COUNTY JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL; TO AUTHORIZE
32 THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO
33 SUPPORTERS OF THE CLINTON COMMUNITY NATURE CENTER; TO AUTHORIZE
34 THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO



35 SUPPORTERS OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL KING HIRAM GRAND LODGE & ELECTRA
36 GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF EASTERN STAR A.F. & A.M., STATE OF
37 MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR
38 VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE CITY OF OLIVE BRANCH; TO
39 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS
40 TO SUPPORTERS OF THE METHODIST CURSILLO OF MISSISSIPPI; TO
41 PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH TAGS; TO
42 PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED FROM
43 THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH TAGS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-51, MISSISSIPPI
44 CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTORCYCLE
45 LICENSE TAGS TO PERSONS WHO ARE ACTIVE DUTY AND RETIRED MEMBERS OF
46 THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OR THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD, IDENTIFYING
47 SUCH PERSONS WITH SUCH ORGANIZATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION
48 27-19-56.57, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE
49 OF A DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAG IDENTIFYING THE OWNER
50 OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE AS A MEMBER OF THE CLERGY; TO AMEND SECTION
51 27-19-56.70, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE
52 ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS WITH THE WORDS
53 "CHOOSE LIFE" CENTERED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LICENSE TAG, TO
54 REFLECT THE CHANGE OF THE NAME OF THE CHOOSE LIFE ADVISORY
55 COMMITTEE TO CHOOSE LIFE MISSISSIPPI; TO AMEND SECTION
56 27-19-56.277, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE
57 ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS WITH THE WORDS
58 "WE LOVE LIFE" CENTERED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LICENSE TAG; TO
59 REFLECT THE CHANGE OF THE NAME OF THE CHOOSE LIFE ADVISORY
60 COMMITTEE TO CHOOSE LIFE MISSISSIPPI; TO AMEND SECTION
61 27-19-56.289, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE
62 ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS
63 OF THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE; TO AMEND
64 SECTION 27-19-56.412, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE
65 ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS WITH THE WORD
66 "ADOPTION" USED IN THE DESIGN OF THE LICENSE TAG; TO REFLECT THE
67 CHANGE OF THE NAME OF THE CHOOSE LIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO CHOOSE
68 LIFE MISSISSIPPI; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.417, MISSISSIPPI CODE
69 OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE
70 LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE WEST POINT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
71 DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.448, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
72 TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE
73 TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI AQUARIUM; TO AMEND SECTION
74 27-19-56.474, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE
75 ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS
76 OF THE MISSISSIPPI SWEET POTATO COUNCIL; TO AMEND SECTION
77 27-19-56.503, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE
78 ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS
79 OF THOMAS E. EDWARDS HIGH SCHOOL; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.506,
80 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF
81 DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE FORMER
82 HINDS AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.522,
83 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE
84 MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
85 THE MISSISSIPPI WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS FOUNDATION; TO



86 PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH TAGS; TO
87 PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED FROM
88 THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH TAGS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-44, MISSISSIPPI
89 CODE OF 1972, TO EXEMPT THE DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAG
90 AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED TO PERSONS WHO ARE HONORABLY DISCHARGED
91 FROM SERVICE AS MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE FROM
92 THE REQUIREMENT THAT A CERTAIN NUMBER OF SUCH TAGS MUST BE
93 PURCHASED PRIOR TO ISSUANCE; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.3,
94 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE ISSUANCE OF
95 DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO MEMBERS AND CERTAIN
96 FORMER MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, TO REVISE THE PERSONS TO WHICH
97 A REPLICA OF SUCH DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS MAY BE
98 ISSUED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

100 **SECTION 1.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
101 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge
102 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
103 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
104 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
105 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
106 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
107 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
108 supporter of the 2022 National Championship Ole Miss Rebels
109 Baseball Team. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of
110 such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the
111 advice of the Chancellor of the University of Mississippi or his
112 designee, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or
113 numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license
114 tag. The Chancellor of the University of Mississippi or his
115 designee shall choose the first one hundred (100) tag numbers and
116 provide them to the Department of Revenue.



117 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
118 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
119 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the
120 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
121 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
122 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis
123 as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional
124 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
125 county general fund.

126 (3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under
127 this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Fifty
128 Dollars (\$50.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for
129 under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes
130 and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time
131 to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag
132 year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the
133 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
134 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
135 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license
136 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
137 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

138 (4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into
139 the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each
140 month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State
141 Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the



142 issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this
143 section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as
144 follows:

145 (a) Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee
146 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
147 section shall be distributed to the University of Mississippi
148 Foundation.

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

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

158 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
159 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
160 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
161 27-19-44.2.

162 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
163 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
164 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
165 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
166 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license



167 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
168 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
169 tag.

170 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
171 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
172 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
173 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
174 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
175 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
176 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
177 for such replacement license tag, and the remainder shall be
178 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
179 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

180 **SECTION 2.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
181 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge
182 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
183 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
184 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
185 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
186 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
187 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
188 supporter of the 2021 National Championship Ole Miss Rebels
189 Women's Golf Team. The distinctive license tags so issued shall
190 be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the
191 advice of the Chancellor of the University of Mississippi or his



192 designee, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or
193 numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license
194 tag. The Chancellor of the University of Mississippi or his
195 designee shall choose the first one hundred (100) tag numbers and
196 provide them to the Department of Revenue.

197 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
198 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
199 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the
200 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
201 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
202 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis
203 as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional
204 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
205 county general fund.

206 (3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under
207 this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Fifty
208 Dollars (\$50.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for
209 under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes
210 and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time
211 to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag
212 year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the
213 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
214 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
215 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license



216 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
217 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

218 (4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into
219 the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each
220 month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State
221 Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the
222 issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this
223 section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as
224 follows:

225 (a) Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee
226 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
227 section shall be distributed to the University of Mississippi
228 Foundation.

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

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

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



240 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
241 27-19-44.2.

242 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
243 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
244 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
245 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
246 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
247 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
248 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
249 tag.

250 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
251 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
252 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
253 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
254 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
255 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
256 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
257 for such replacement license tag, and the remainder shall be
258 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
259 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

260 **SECTION 3.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
261 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge
262 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
263 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
264 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of



265 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
266 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
267 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
268 supporter of Northeast Jones High School. The distinctive license
269 tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department
270 of Revenue, with the advice of the Principal of Northeast Jones
271 High School, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or
272 numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license
273 tag.

274 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
275 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
276 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the
277 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
278 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
279 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis
280 as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional
281 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
282 county general fund.

283 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
284 after July 1, 2023, any person applying for a distinctive license
285 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
286 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
287 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
288 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
289 period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established



290 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
291 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
292 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
293 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
294 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
295 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
296 collector.

297 (4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into
298 the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each
299 month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State
300 Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the
301 issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this
302 section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as
303 follows:

304 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
305 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
306 section shall be distributed to Northeast Jones High School for
307 use to purchase classroom supplies for teachers and to support of
308 the high school band program.

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

313 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
314 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this



315 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
316 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
317 reconstruction of highways.

318 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
319 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
320 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
321 27-19-44.2.

322 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
323 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
324 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
325 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
326 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
327 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
328 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
329 tag.

330 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
331 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
332 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
333 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
334 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
335 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
336 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
337 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
338 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
339 distinctive license tags issued under this section.



340 SECTION 4. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
341 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge
342 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
343 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
344 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
345 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
346 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
347 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
348 supporter of Mississippi Towing and Recovery Professionals, Inc.
349 The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and
350 design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of
351 Mississippi Towing and Recovery Professionals, Inc., may prescribe
352 and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be
353 necessary to distinguish each license tag.

354 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
355 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
356 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the
357 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
358 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
359 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis
360 as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional
361 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
362 county general fund.

363 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
364 after July 1, 2023, any person applying for a distinctive license



365 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
366 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
367 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
368 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
369 period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established
370 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
371 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
372 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
373 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
374 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
375 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
376 collector.

377 (4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into
378 the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each
379 month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State
380 Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the
381 issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this
382 section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as
383 follows:

384 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
385 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
386 section shall be distributed to Mississippi Towing and Recovery
387 Professionals, Inc., for the benefit of its Survivors Fund.

388 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
389 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall



390 be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant
391 to Section 7-9-70.

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

397 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
398 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
399 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
400 27-19-44.2.

401 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
402 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
403 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
404 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
405 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
406 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
407 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
408 tag.

409 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
410 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
411 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
412 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
413 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
414 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and



415 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
416 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
417 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
418 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

419 **SECTION 5.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
420 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge
421 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
422 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
423 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
424 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
425 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
426 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
427 supporter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. The distinctive
428 license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the
429 Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Jackson, Mississippi
430 Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., may prescribe and shall
431 consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary
432 to distinguish each license tag.

433 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
434 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
435 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the
436 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
437 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
438 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis
439 as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional



440 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
441 county general fund.

442 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
443 after July 1, 2023, any person applying for a distinctive license
444 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
445 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
446 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
447 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
448 period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established
449 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
450 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
451 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
452 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
453 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
454 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
455 collector.

456 (4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into
457 the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each
458 month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State
459 Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the
460 issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this
461 section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as
462 follows:

463 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
464 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this



465 section shall be distributed to the Jackson, Mississippi Chapter
466 of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

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

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

476 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
477 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
478 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
479 27-19-44.2.

480 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
481 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
482 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
483 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
484 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
485 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
486 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
487 tag.

488 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
489 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and



490 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
491 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
492 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
493 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
494 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
495 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
496 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
497 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

498 **SECTION 6.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
499 resident of this state and the unremarried surviving spouse of a
500 person who was a law enforcement officer or other law enforcement
501 employee who died while engaged in the performance of his or her
502 official duties or was wounded or otherwise received intentional
503 or accidental bodily injury while engaged in the performance of
504 his or her official duties and later died as a result of such
505 wounds or injury, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege
506 taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law
507 for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other
508 noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional
509 fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section,
510 shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor vehicle
511 registered in his name. The distinctive license tags so issued
512 shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue,
513 with the advice of the Mississippi Police Benevolent Association,
514 may prescribe. The Department of Revenue shall prescribe such



515 letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish
516 each license tag.

517 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
518 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
519 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. An applicant for such a
520 distinctive license tag must provide official written
521 documentation that the applicant is the unremarried surviving
522 spouse of a person who was a law enforcement officer or other law
523 enforcement employee who died while engaged in the performance of
524 his or her official duties or was wounded or otherwise received
525 intentional or accidental bodily injury while engaged in the
526 performance of his or her official duties and later died as a
527 result of such wounds or injury. The application and the
528 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
529 Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be
530 remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as
531 prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee
532 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
533 general fund.

534 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
535 after July 1, 2023, any person applying for a distinctive license
536 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
537 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
538 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
539 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a



540 period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established
541 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
542 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
543 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
544 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
545 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
546 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
547 collector.

548 (4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into
549 the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each
550 month, the Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees
551 collected under this section to the State Treasurer who shall
552 distribute such collections as follows:

553 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
554 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
555 section shall be disbursed to the Mississippi Police Benevolent
556 Association.

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

561 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
562 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
563 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund



564 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
565 reconstruction of highways.

566 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
567 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
568 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
569 27-19-44.2.

570 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
571 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
572 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
573 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
574 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
575 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
576 which will expire the same month and year as the license tag.

577 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
578 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
579 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
580 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
581 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
582 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
583 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
584 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
585 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
586 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

587 **SECTION 7.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
588 resident of this state and a registered respiratory therapist,



589 upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem
590 taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private
591 carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial
592 motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the
593 amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued
594 a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his
595 name identifying such person as a respiratory therapist. The
596 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and
597 design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of
598 Mississippi Society for Respiratory Care, Inc., may prescribe and
599 shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be
600 necessary to distinguish each license tag.

601 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
602 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
603 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the
604 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
605 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
606 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis
607 as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional
608 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
609 county general fund.

610 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
611 after July 1, 2023, any person applying for a distinctive license
612 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
613 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag



614 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
615 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
616 period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established
617 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
618 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
619 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
620 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
621 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
622 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
623 collector.

624 (4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into
625 the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each
626 month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State
627 Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the
628 issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this
629 section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as
630 follows:

631 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
632 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
633 section shall be distributed to Mississippi Society for
634 Respiratory Care, Inc.

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



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

644 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
645 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
646 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
647 27-19-44.2.

648 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
649 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
650 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
651 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
652 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
653 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
654 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
655 tag.

656 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
657 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
658 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
659 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
660 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
661 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
662 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
663 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be



664 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
665 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

666 SECTION 8. (1) (a) In recognition of the patriotic
667 services rendered by Mississippians who are honorably discharged
668 from service as members of the United States Merchant Marine, any
669 such person, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating
670 to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment
671 of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and
672 registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of
673 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,
674 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount
675 provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be privileged to
676 obtain one (1) distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag for
677 each motor vehicle registered in his or her name identifying him
678 or her as a former member of the United States Merchant Marine.
679 The tags shall be of such color and design as the Department of
680 Revenue may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or
681 numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license
682 tag.

683 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags shall be
684 made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the
685 Department of Revenue. An applicant for such distinctive license
686 tags shall present to the issuing official written proof that the
687 applicant is an honorably discharged former member of the United
688 States Merchant Marine. Such proof shall include a copy of the



689 applicant's certificate of discharge or similar document or other
690 certification of service from the United States Merchant Marine or
691 other appropriate entity identifying the person as a former member
692 of the United States Merchant Marine. The application and the
693 additional fee, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax
694 collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a
695 monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the
696 additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited
697 into the county general fund.

698 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
699 after July 1, 2023, any person applying for a distinctive license
700 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
701 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
702 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
703 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
704 period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established
705 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
706 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
707 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
708 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
709 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
710 license tag, he or she must surrender it to the local county tax
711 collector.

712 (4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into
713 the State Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month,



714 the Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees collected
715 under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute
716 such collections as follows:

717 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
718 collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this
719 section shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of
720 a special fund to be administered by the board of the Mississippi
721 Veterans Affairs for the support of indigent veterans who are
722 residents of the state veterans homes and the support of the
723 operations of the state veterans homes and cemeteries.

724 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
725 on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this
726 section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund
727 created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

728 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
729 collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant
730 to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State
731 Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance,
732 construction or reconstruction of highways.

733 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
734 on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this
735 section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund
736 created in Section 27-19-44.2.

737 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
738 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under



739 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
740 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
741 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
742 decals for each distinctive license tag issued or renewed under
743 this section, which will expire the same month and year as the
744 regular license tag.

745 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
746 tag issued or renewed under this section, the owner may make
747 application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license
748 tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement
749 distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax
750 collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be
751 entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five
752 percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the
753 remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from
754 the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued or renewed
755 under this section.

756 **SECTION 9.** Section 27-19-56.549, Mississippi Code of 1972,
757 is amended as follows:

758 27-19-56.549. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
759 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge
760 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
761 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
762 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
763 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (4) of this



764 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
765 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
766 supporter of any one (1) of the following:

767 (a) Mississippi Association of Nurse Practitioners;

768 (b) Seabee Historical Foundation;

769 (c) Saint Stanislaus College in Bay Saint Louis,
770 Mississippi;

771 (d) Vancleave Live Oak Choctaw;

772 (e) Morton High School;

773 (f) Forest Municipal School District;

774 (g) Lake High School;

775 (h) Scott Central Attendance Center;

776 (i) Sebastopol Attendance Center;

777 (j) East Rankin Academy;

778 (k) Houston High School;

779 (l) Magnolia Heights School;

780 (m) Regents School of Oxford;

781 (n) The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.;

782 (o) Baptist Health Foundation, Inc.;

783 (p) Greene County Wildcats;

784 (q) Mississippi Disc Golf;

785 (r) Mississippi Road Builders Association;

786 (s) Clinton Public School District;

787 (t) Magnolia Speech School;

788 (u) Coahoma County Jr./Sr. High School;



- 789 (v) Clinton Community Nature Center;
790 (w) Most Worshipful King Hiram Grand Lodge & Electra
791 Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star A.F. & A.M., State of
792 Mississippi;
793 (x) City of Olive Branch, Mississippi;
794 (y) Methodist Cursillo of Mississippi.

795 (2) The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such
796 color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of
797 the respective beneficiary organization listed in subsection (1)
798 of this section, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters
799 or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each
800 license tag.

801 (3) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
802 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
803 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the
804 additional fee imposed under subsection (4) of this section, less
805 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
806 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis
807 as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional
808 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
809 county general fund.

810 (4) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
811 after July 1, 2022, any person applying for a distinctive license
812 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
813 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag



814 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
815 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
816 period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established
817 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
818 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
819 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
820 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
821 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
822 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
823 collector.

824 (5) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into
825 the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each
826 month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State
827 Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the
828 issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this
829 section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as
830 follows:

831 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
832 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
833 section shall be distributed to the appropriate beneficiary
834 organization listed in subsection (1) of this section.

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



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

844 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
845 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
846 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
847 27-19-44.2.

848 (6) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
849 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
850 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
851 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
852 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
853 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
854 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
855 tag.

856 (7) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
857 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
858 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
859 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
860 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
861 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
862 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
863 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be



864 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
865 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

866 **SECTION 10.** Section 27-19-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
867 amended as follows:

868 27-19-51. (1) (a) In recognition of their many and varied
869 patriotic services rendered the state, the United States and the
870 citizens thereof, Mississippians who have completed an active duty
871 career with the Armed Forces of the United States and active duty
872 and retired members of the Army National Guard, Air National
873 Guard, and the United States Reserves, including both enlisted and
874 officer personnel, upon application and subject to the provisions
875 of this section may be issued distinctive motor vehicle license
876 plates or tags identifying these persons with such organizations.
877 For the purposes of this section the term "Armed Forces" includes
878 the United States Merchant Marines and members thereof in maritime
879 service during the period from December 7, 1941 to August 15,
880 1945. The distinctive plates or tags so issued shall comply with
881 the provisions of Section 27-19-41 and shall be of such color and
882 design as may be agreed upon by the Adjutant General and the
883 Department of Revenue for the Army National Guard or Air National
884 Guard, by the Mississippi chapters of the Retired Officers
885 Association and the Retired Non-Commissioned Officers Association
886 and the Department of Revenue for retired active duty members of
887 the Armed Forces of the United States, and by the Department of
888 Revenue for retired members of the United States Merchant Marines.



889 Each distinctive license plate shall bear the words "National
890 Guard" or the name of the appropriate armed service and need not
891 bear prefixed numbers identifying the county of issuance.

892 (b) In recognition of their many and varied patriotic
893 services rendered the state, the United States and the citizens
894 thereof, Mississippians who are active duty and retired members of
895 the Army National Guard and/or the Air National Guard, including
896 both enlisted and officer personnel, upon application and subject
897 to the provisions of this section may be issued distinctive
898 motorcycle license plates or tags identifying these persons with
899 such organizations. The distinctive plates or tags so issued
900 shall comply with the provisions of Section 27-19-41 and shall be
901 of such color and design as may be agreed upon by the Adjutant
902 General and the Department of Revenue. Each distinctive license
903 plate shall bear the words "National Guard" and need not bear
904 prefixed numbers identifying the county of issuance.

905 (2) The surviving spouse of any person who was issued a
906 distinctive license plate or tag under subsection (1) of this
907 section because of completion of an active duty career with the
908 Armed Forces of the United States or because of retirement from
909 the Army National Guard, Air National Guard or United States
910 Reserves, or any prisoner of war issued a distinctive license
911 plate or tag under Section 27-19-54, shall be eligible to receive
912 the same type of distinctive license plate or tag which the
913 deceased spouse was issued.



914 (3) The distinctive license plates here provided for shall
915 be prepared by the Department of Revenue and shall be issued
916 through the tax collectors of the several counties of the state in
917 like manner as are other motor vehicle license plates or tags and
918 motorcycle license plates or tags and such officers shall be
919 entitled to their regular fees for such service. Applicants for
920 such distinctive plates shall present to the issuing official
921 proof of their membership in the Army National Guard, Air National
922 Guard, or United States Reserves by means of certificate signed by
923 the commanding officer of such applicant on forms prescribed by
924 the Adjutant General of Mississippi. Retired members of the Armed
925 Forces of the United States applying for such plates shall present
926 to the issuing officials a copy of their active duty retirement
927 orders or other proof of retirement from active service with one
928 of the Armed Forces of the United States. The distinctive license
929 plates or tags so issued shall be used only upon and for
930 personally or jointly owned private passenger vehicles (to include
931 station wagons, recreational motor vehicles and pickup trucks)
932 and/or motorcycles registered in the name, or jointly in the name,
933 of the member making application therefor, and when so issued to
934 such applicant shall be used upon the vehicle or motorcycle for
935 which issued in lieu of the standard license plate or license tag
936 normally issued for such vehicle or motorcycle.

937 (4) In addition to use of such distinctive license plates or
938 tags on such personally or jointly owned vehicles, such



939 distinctive plate or tag may be used on state-owned vehicles
940 operated by the State Military Department provided the prefix
941 "MNG" is placed ahead of the number thereon. Motor vehicles for
942 which such distinctive license plates or tags are issued shall be
943 registered by the proper official as are other motor vehicles.

944 (5) The distinctive license plates issued hereunder shall
945 not be transferable between motor vehicle or motorcycle owners;
946 and in the event the owner of a vehicle or motorcycle bearing such
947 distinctive plate shall sell, trade, exchange or otherwise dispose
948 of the vehicle or motorcycle, such plate shall be retained by the
949 owner to whom issued and returned by the owner to the tax
950 collector of the county or the Department of Revenue, as the case
951 may be.

952 (6) The Adjutant General is authorized to recognize not more
953 than one hundred (100) senior staff officers, commanders, command
954 sergeants major and senior enlisted advisors by designating the
955 issue of National Guard distinctive license plates or tags
956 numbered "1" through "100." These license plates or tags shall be
957 retained by the individual so designated and may be transferred
958 between vehicles or individuals under procedures established by
959 the Department of Revenue. The Adjutant General is responsible
960 for furnishing the Department of Revenue necessary information to
961 effect issue or transfer of these specially numbered license
962 plates or tags.



963 (7) National Guard plates or tags shall be prepared and
964 furnished for the licensing year commencing November 1, 1962, and
965 annually thereafter. The Adjutant General shall furnish the
966 Department of Revenue with an estimate of the number of such
967 distinctive plates or tags required in each of the several
968 counties of the state.

969 (8) The provisions of this section are supplementary to the
970 laws of this state pertaining to the licensing of motor vehicles
971 and nothing herein shall be construed as abridging or repealing
972 any of such laws.

973 **SECTION 11.** Section 27-19-56.57, Mississippi Code of 1972,
974 is amended as follows:

975 27-19-56.57. (1) Beginning with any registration year
976 commencing on or after July 1, * * * 2023, any owner of a motor
977 vehicle who is a resident of this state and who is a member of the
978 clergy, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad
979 valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for
980 private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other
981 noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional
982 fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section,
983 shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle
984 registered in his name identifying such person as a member of the
985 clergy. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such
986 color and design as the Department of Revenue may prescribe and



987 shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be
988 necessary to distinguish each license tag.

989 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
990 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
991 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the
992 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
993 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
994 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis
995 as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional
996 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
997 county general fund.

998 (3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under
999 this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty
1000 Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for
1001 under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes
1002 and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time
1003 to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag
1004 year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the
1005 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
1006 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
1007 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license
1008 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
1009 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

1010 (4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into
1011 the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each



1012 month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State
1013 Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the
1014 issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this
1015 section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as
1016 follows:

1017 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
1018 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
1019 section shall be distributed to the Baptist Children's Village of
1020 Mississippi.

1021 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
1022 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
1023 be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant
1024 to Section 7-9-70.

1025 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
1026 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
1027 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
1028 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
1029 reconstruction of highways.

1030 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
1031 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
1032 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
1033 27-19-44.2.

1034 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
1035 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
1036 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the



1037 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
1038 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
1039 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
1040 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
1041 tag.

1042 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
1043 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
1044 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
1045 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
1046 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
1047 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
1048 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
1049 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
1050 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
1051 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

1052 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued
1053 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be
1054 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, * * *
1055 2026.

1056 **SECTION 12.** Section 27-19-56.70, Mississippi Code of 1972,
1057 is amended as follows:

1058 27-19-56.70. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
1059 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge
1060 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
1061 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup



1062 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
1063 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (* * *3)
1064 of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for
1065 each motor vehicle registered in his name, which shall be produced
1066 in such color and design as the * * * Department of Revenue, with
1067 the advice of the Choose Life Advisory Committee, Choose Life
1068 Mississippi or any successor entity, as the case may be, may
1069 prescribe. The words "Choose Life" shall be centered at the
1070 bottom of the license tag. The * * * Department of Revenue shall
1071 prescribe such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to
1072 distinguish each license tag.

1073 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
1074 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
1075 prescribed by the * * * Department of Revenue. The application
1076 and the additional fee imposed under subsection (* * *3) of this
1077 section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax
1078 collector, shall be remitted to the * * * Department of Revenue on
1079 a monthly basis as prescribed by the * * * department. The
1080 portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall
1081 be deposited into the county general fund.

1082 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
1083 after July 1, 2002, any person applying for a distinctive license
1084 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
1085 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
1086 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all



1087 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
1088 period of time to run * * * concurrently with the vehicle's
1089 established license tag year. The additional fee is due and
1090 payable at the time the original application is made for a
1091 distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually
1092 at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains
1093 the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain
1094 the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local
1095 county tax collector.

1096 (4) The * * * Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees
1097 into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each
1098 month, the * * * Department of Revenue shall certify the total
1099 fees collected under this section to the State Treasurer who shall
1100 distribute such collections as follows:

1101 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
1102 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
1103 section shall be disbursed to the Choose Life Advisory Committee,
1104 Choose Life Mississippi or any successor entity, as the case may
1105 be, to be used as provided for in subsection (5) of this section.

1106 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
1107 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
1108 be deposited into the Mississippi * * * Burn * * * Care Fund
1109 created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

1110 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
1111 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this



1112 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
1113 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
1114 reconstruction of highways.

1115 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
1116 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
1117 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
1118 27-19-44.2.

1119 (5) Funds disbursed to the Choose Life Advisory Committee,
1120 Choose Life Mississippi or any successor entity, as the case may
1121 be, under this section may be used for any purpose other than for
1122 administrative expenses, legal expenses, capital expenditures,
1123 attempting to influence any legislation or any political campaign
1124 on behalf or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

1125 (6) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
1126 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
1127 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
1128 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
1129 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) month
1130 and year license decals for each distinctive license tag issued
1131 under this section, which will expire the same month and year as
1132 the license tag.

1133 (7) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
1134 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
1135 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
1136 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license



1137 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
1138 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
1139 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
1140 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
1141 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
1142 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

1143 **SECTION 13.** Section 27-19-56.277, Mississippi Code of 1972,
1144 is amended as follows:

1145 27-19-56.277. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
1146 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge
1147 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
1148 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
1149 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
1150 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
1151 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor
1152 vehicle registered in his name, which shall be of such color and
1153 design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of * * *

1154 Choose Life Mississippi or any successor entity may prescribe.

1155 The words "We Love Life" shall be centered at the bottom of the
1156 license tag. The Department of Revenue shall prescribe such
1157 letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish
1158 each license tag.

1159 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
1160 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
1161 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the



1162 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
1163 Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be
1164 remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as
1165 prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee
1166 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
1167 general fund.

1168 (3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under
1169 this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Fifty
1170 Dollars (\$50.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for
1171 under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes
1172 and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time
1173 to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag
1174 year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the
1175 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
1176 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
1177 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license
1178 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
1179 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

1180 (4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into
1181 the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each
1182 month, the Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees
1183 collected under this section to the State Treasurer who shall
1184 distribute such collections as follows:

1185 (a) Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee
1186 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this



1187 section shall be disbursed to * * * Choose Life * * * Mississippi
1188 or any successor entity to be used as provided for in subsection
1189 (5) of this section.

1190 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
1191 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
1192 be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant
1193 to Section 7-9-70.

1194 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
1195 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
1196 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
1197 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
1198 reconstruction of highways.

1199 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
1200 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
1201 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
1202 27-19-44.2.

1203 (5) Funds disbursed to * * * Choose Life Mississippi or any
1204 successor entity under this section may be used for any purpose
1205 other than for administrative expenses, legal expenses, capital
1206 expenditures, attempting to influence any legislation or any
1207 political campaign on behalf or in opposition to any candidate for
1208 public office.

1209 (6) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
1210 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
1211 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the



1212 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
1213 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
1214 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
1215 which will expire the same month and year as the license tag.

1216 (7) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
1217 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
1218 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
1219 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
1220 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
1221 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
1222 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
1223 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
1224 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
1225 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

1226 (8) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued
1227 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be
1228 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, * * *
1229 2026.

1230 **SECTION 14.** Section 27-19-56.289, Mississippi Code of 1972,
1231 is amended as follows:

1232 27-19-56.289. (1) Beginning with any registration year
1233 commencing on or after July 1, 2023, any owner of a motor vehicle
1234 who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and
1235 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
1236 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup



1237 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
1238 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
1239 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
1240 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
1241 supporter of the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science.
1242 The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and
1243 design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the
1244 Executive Director of the Mississippi School for Mathematics and
1245 Science, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or
1246 numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license
1247 tag.

1248 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
1249 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
1250 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the
1251 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
1252 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
1253 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis
1254 as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional
1255 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
1256 county general fund.

1257 (3) * * * Any person applying for a distinctive license tag
1258 under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of
1259 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied
1260 for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other
1261 taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of



1262 time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license
1263 tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the
1264 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
1265 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
1266 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license
1267 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
1268 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

1269 (4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into
1270 the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each
1271 month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State
1272 Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the
1273 issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this
1274 section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as
1275 follows:

1276 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
1277 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
1278 section shall be distributed to the Mississippi School for
1279 Mathematics and Science.

1280 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
1281 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
1282 be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant
1283 to Section 7-9-70.

1284 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
1285 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
1286 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund



1287 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
1288 reconstruction of highways.

1289 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
1290 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
1291 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
1292 27-19-44.2.

1293 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
1294 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
1295 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
1296 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
1297 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
1298 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
1299 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
1300 tag.

1301 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
1302 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
1303 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
1304 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
1305 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
1306 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
1307 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
1308 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
1309 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
1310 distinctive license tags issued under this section.



1311 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued
1312 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be
1313 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2026.

1314 **SECTION 15.** Section 27-19-56.412, Mississippi Code of 1972,
1315 is amended as follows:

1316 27-19-56.412. (1) Beginning with any registration year
1317 commencing on or after July 1, * * * 2023, any owner of a motor
1318 vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road
1319 and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees
1320 as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
1321 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
1322 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
1323 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor
1324 vehicle registered in his name, which shall be of such color and
1325 design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of * * *
1326 Choose Life * * * Mississippi or any successor entity, may
1327 prescribe. The word "Adoption" shall be * * * used in the design
1328 of the license tag. The Department of Revenue shall prescribe
1329 such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to
1330 distinguish each license tag.

1331 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
1332 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
1333 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the
1334 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
1335 Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be



1336 remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as
1337 prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee
1338 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
1339 general fund.

1340 (3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under
1341 this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Fifty
1342 Dollars (\$50.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for
1343 under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes
1344 and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time
1345 to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag
1346 year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the
1347 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
1348 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
1349 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license
1350 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
1351 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

1352 (4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into
1353 the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each
1354 month, the Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees
1355 collected under this section to the State Treasurer who shall
1356 distribute such collections as follows:

1357 (a) Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee
1358 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
1359 section shall be disbursed to * * * Choose Life * * * Mississippi



1360 or any successor entity to be used as provided for in subsection
1361 (5) of this section.

1362 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
1363 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
1364 be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant
1365 to Section 7-9-70.

1366 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
1367 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
1368 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
1369 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
1370 reconstruction of highways.

1371 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
1372 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
1373 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
1374 27-19-44.2.

1375 (5) Funds disbursed to * * * Choose Life * * * Mississippi
1376 or any successor entity under this section may be used for any
1377 purpose other than for administrative expenses, legal expenses,
1378 capital expenditures, attempting to influence any legislation or
1379 any political campaign on behalf or in opposition to any candidate
1380 for public office.

1381 (6) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
1382 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
1383 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
1384 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under



1385 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
1386 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
1387 which will expire the same month and year as the license tag.

1388 (7) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
1389 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
1390 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
1391 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
1392 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
1393 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
1394 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
1395 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
1396 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
1397 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

1398 (8) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued
1399 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be
1400 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, * * *
1401 2026.

1402 **SECTION 16.** Section 27-19-56.417, Mississippi Code of 1972,
1403 is amended as follows:

1404 27-19-56.417. (1) Beginning with any registration year
1405 commencing on or after July 1, 2023, any owner of a motor vehicle
1406 who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and
1407 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
1408 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
1409 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of



1410 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
1411 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
1412 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
1413 supporter of the West Point Consolidated School District. The
1414 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and
1415 design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the West
1416 Point Consolidated School District, may prescribe and shall
1417 consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary
1418 to distinguish each license tag.

1419 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
1420 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
1421 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the
1422 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
1423 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
1424 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis
1425 as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional
1426 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
1427 county general fund.

1428 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
1429 after July 1, 2016, any person applying for a distinctive license
1430 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
1431 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
1432 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
1433 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
1434 period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established



1435 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
1436 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
1437 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
1438 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
1439 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
1440 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
1441 collector.

1442 (4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into
1443 the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each
1444 month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State
1445 Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the
1446 issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this
1447 section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as
1448 follows:

1449 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
1450 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
1451 section shall be distributed to the West Point Consolidated School
1452 District.

1453 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
1454 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
1455 be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant
1456 to Section 7-9-70.

1457 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
1458 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
1459 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund



1460 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
1461 reconstruction of highways.

1462 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
1463 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
1464 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
1465 27-19-44.2.

1466 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
1467 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
1468 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
1469 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
1470 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
1471 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
1472 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
1473 tag.

1474 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
1475 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
1476 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
1477 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
1478 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
1479 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
1480 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
1481 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
1482 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
1483 distinctive license tags issued under this section.



1484 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued
1485 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be
1486 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2026.

1487 **SECTION 17.** Section 27-19-56.448, Mississippi Code of 1972,
1488 is amended as follows:

1489 27-19-56.448. (1) Beginning with any registration year
1490 commencing on or after July 1, 2023, any owner of a motor vehicle
1491 who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and
1492 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
1493 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
1494 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
1495 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
1496 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
1497 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
1498 supporter of the Mississippi Aquarium. The distinctive license
1499 tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the
1500 department, with the advice of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi,
1501 may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or
1502 both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

1503 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
1504 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
1505 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the
1506 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
1507 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
1508 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis



1509 as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional
1510 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
1511 county general fund.

1512 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
1513 after July 1, 2017, any person applying for a distinctive license
1514 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
1515 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
1516 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
1517 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
1518 period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established
1519 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
1520 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
1521 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
1522 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
1523 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
1524 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
1525 collector.

1526 (4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into
1527 the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each
1528 month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State
1529 Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the
1530 issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this
1531 section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as
1532 follows:



1533 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
1534 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
1535 section shall be distributed to the Mississippi Aquarium
1536 Foundation.

1537 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
1538 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
1539 be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant
1540 to Section 7-9-70.

1541 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
1542 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
1543 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
1544 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
1545 reconstruction of highways.

1546 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
1547 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
1548 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
1549 27-19-44.2.

1550 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
1551 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
1552 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
1553 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
1554 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
1555 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
1556 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
1557 tag.



1558 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
1559 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
1560 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
1561 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
1562 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
1563 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
1564 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
1565 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
1566 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
1567 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

1568 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued
1569 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be
1570 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2026.

1571 **SECTION 18.** Section 27-19-56.474, Mississippi Code of 1972,
1572 is amended as follows:

1573 27-19-56.474. (1) Beginning with any registration year
1574 commencing on or after July 1, * * * 2023, any owner of a motor
1575 vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road
1576 and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees
1577 as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
1578 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
1579 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
1580 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
1581 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
1582 supporter of the Mississippi Sweet Potato Council. The



1583 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and
1584 design as the department, with the advice of the Mississippi Sweet
1585 Potato Council, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or
1586 numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license
1587 tag.

1588 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
1589 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
1590 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the
1591 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
1592 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
1593 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis
1594 as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional
1595 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
1596 county general fund.

1597 (3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under
1598 this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty
1599 Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for
1600 under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes
1601 and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time
1602 to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag
1603 year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the
1604 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
1605 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
1606 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license



1607 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
1608 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

1609 (4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into
1610 the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each
1611 month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State
1612 Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the
1613 issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this
1614 section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as
1615 follows:

1616 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
1617 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
1618 section shall be distributed to the Mississippi Sweet Potato
1619 Council.

1620 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
1621 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
1622 be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant
1623 to Section 7-9-70.

1624 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
1625 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
1626 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
1627 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
1628 reconstruction of highways.

1629 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
1630 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall



1631 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
1632 27-19-44.2.

1633 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
1634 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
1635 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
1636 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
1637 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
1638 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
1639 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
1640 tag.

1641 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
1642 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
1643 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
1644 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
1645 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
1646 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
1647 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
1648 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
1649 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
1650 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

1651 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued
1652 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be
1653 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2026.

1654 **SECTION 19.** Section 27-19-56.503, Mississippi Code of 1972,
1655 is amended as follows:



1656 27-19-56.503. (1) Beginning with any registration year
1657 commencing on or after July 1, 2023, any owner of a motor vehicle
1658 who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and
1659 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
1660 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
1661 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
1662 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
1663 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
1664 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
1665 supporter of Thomas E. Edwards High School (formerly Ruleville
1666 Central High School). The distinctive license tags so issued
1667 shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue,
1668 with the advice of the Principal of Thomas E. Edwards High School,
1669 may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or
1670 both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

1671 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
1672 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
1673 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the
1674 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
1675 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
1676 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis
1677 as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional
1678 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
1679 county general fund.



1680 (3) * * * Any person applying for a distinctive license tag
1681 under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of
1682 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied
1683 for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other
1684 taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of
1685 time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license
1686 tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the
1687 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
1688 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
1689 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license
1690 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
1691 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

1692 (4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into
1693 the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each
1694 month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State
1695 Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the
1696 issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this
1697 section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as
1698 follows:

1699 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
1700 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
1701 section shall be distributed to North Yalobusha Charities, Inc.

1702 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
1703 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall



1704 be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant
1705 to Section 7-9-70.

1706 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
1707 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
1708 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
1709 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
1710 reconstruction of highways.

1711 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
1712 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
1713 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
1714 27-19-44.2.

1715 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
1716 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
1717 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
1718 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
1719 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
1720 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
1721 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
1722 tag.

1723 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
1724 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
1725 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
1726 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
1727 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
1728 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and



1729 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
1730 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
1731 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
1732 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

1733 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued
1734 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be
1735 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2026.

1736 **SECTION 20.** Section 27-19-56.506, Mississippi Code of 1972,
1737 is amended as follows:

1738 27-19-56.506. (1) Beginning with any registration year
1739 commencing on or after July 1, 2023, any owner of a motor vehicle
1740 who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and
1741 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
1742 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
1743 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
1744 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
1745 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
1746 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
1747 supporter of the former Hinds Agricultural High School. The
1748 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and
1749 design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Hinds
1750 Agricultural High School Alumni Association, may prescribe and
1751 shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be
1752 necessary to distinguish each license tag.



1753 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
1754 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
1755 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the
1756 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
1757 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
1758 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis
1759 as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional
1760 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
1761 county general fund.

1762 (3) * * * Any person applying for a distinctive license tag
1763 under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of
1764 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied
1765 for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other
1766 taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of
1767 time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license
1768 tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the
1769 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
1770 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
1771 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license
1772 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
1773 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

1774 (4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into
1775 the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each
1776 month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State
1777 Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the



1778 issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this
1779 section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as
1780 follows:

1781 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
1782 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
1783 section shall be distributed to the Hinds Agricultural High School
1784 Alumni Association.

1785 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
1786 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
1787 be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant
1788 to Section 7-9-70.

1789 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
1790 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
1791 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
1792 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
1793 reconstruction of highways.

1794 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
1795 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
1796 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
1797 27-19-44.2.

1798 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
1799 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
1800 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
1801 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
1802 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license



1803 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
1804 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
1805 tag.

1806 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
1807 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
1808 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
1809 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
1810 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
1811 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
1812 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
1813 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
1814 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
1815 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

1816 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued
1817 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be
1818 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2026.

1819 **SECTION 21.** Section 27-19-56.522, Mississippi Code of 1972,
1820 is amended as follows:

1821 27-19-56.522. (1) (a) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is
1822 a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge
1823 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
1824 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
1825 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
1826 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
1827 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor



1828 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
1829 supporter of the Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks
1830 Foundation. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of
1831 such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the
1832 advice of the Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks
1833 Foundation, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or
1834 numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license
1835 tag. The total number of license tags prepared under this * * *
1836 subsection (1)(a) shall not exceed one hundred fifty (150). The
1837 Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Foundation may designate
1838 the distinctive license tags to be issued to selected motor
1839 vehicle owners.

1840 (b) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a member of the
1841 board of directors of the Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and
1842 Parks Foundation, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege
1843 taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law
1844 for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other
1845 noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional
1846 fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, and
1847 upon proof of board membership as required by the department,
1848 shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle
1849 registered in his name identifying such person as a member of the
1850 board of directors of the Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and
1851 Parks Foundation. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be
1852 of such color and design as the department, with the advice of the



1853 Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Foundation, may
1854 prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both,
1855 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

1856 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
1857 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
1858 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the
1859 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
1860 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
1861 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis
1862 as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional
1863 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
1864 county general fund.

1865 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
1866 after July 1, 2020, any person applying for a distinctive license
1867 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
1868 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
1869 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
1870 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
1871 period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established
1872 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
1873 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
1874 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
1875 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
1876 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive



1877 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
1878 collector.

1879 (4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into
1880 the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each
1881 month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State
1882 Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the
1883 issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this
1884 section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as
1885 follows:

1886 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
1887 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
1888 section shall be distributed to the Mississippi Wildlife,
1889 Fisheries and Parks Foundation.

1890 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
1891 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
1892 be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant
1893 to Section 7-9-70.

1894 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
1895 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
1896 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
1897 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
1898 reconstruction of highways.

1899 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
1900 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall



1901 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
1902 27-19-44.2.

1903 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
1904 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
1905 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
1906 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
1907 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
1908 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
1909 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
1910 tag.

1911 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
1912 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
1913 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
1914 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
1915 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
1916 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
1917 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
1918 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
1919 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
1920 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

1921 **SECTION 22.** Section 27-19-44, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1922 amended as follows:

1923 27-19-44. (1) For any distinctive license tag or plate
1924 authorized by the Legislature from and after July 1, 2000, through
1925 June 30, 2002, or authorized by Sections 27-19-56.37 and



1926 27-19-56.55, the requirements of this subsection must be met
1927 before the Department of Revenue may prepare or issue any such
1928 license tag or plate. The organization or other entity for which
1929 the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate
1930 must submit proof satisfactory to the Department of Revenue that
1931 at least one hundred (100) of such license tags or plates will be
1932 purchased and must deposit with the department an amount necessary
1933 to purchase one hundred (100) of such license tags or plates. The
1934 organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized
1935 the distinctive license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements
1936 of this subsection (1) within two (2) years after the effective
1937 date of the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to
1938 permit the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued.

1939 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (1) of this
1940 section, for any distinctive license tag or plate authorized by
1941 the Legislature from and after July 1, 2002, through June 30,
1942 2007, the requirements of this subsection must be met before the
1943 Department of Revenue may prepare or issue any such license tag or
1944 plate. The organization or other entity for which the Legislature
1945 authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof
1946 satisfactory to the Department of Revenue that at least two
1947 hundred (200) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and
1948 must deposit with the department an amount necessary to purchase
1949 two hundred (200) of such license tags or plates. The
1950 organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized



1951 the distinctive license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements
1952 of this subsection (2) within three (3) years after the effective
1953 date of the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to
1954 permit the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued.

1955 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, Section
1956 27-19-56.7, Section 27-19-56.56, Section 27-19-56.59, Section
1957 27-19-56.85 or Section 27-19-56.94, for any distinctive license
1958 tag or plate authorized or reauthorized by the Legislature from
1959 and after July 1, 2007, the following requirements must be met
1960 before the Department of Revenue may prepare or issue any such
1961 license tag or plate:

1962 (a) The organization or other entity for which the
1963 Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must
1964 submit proof satisfactory to the Department of Revenue that at
1965 least three hundred (300) of such license tags or plates will be
1966 purchased and must deposit with the department an amount necessary
1967 to purchase three hundred (300) of such license tags or plates.

1968 (b) The organization or other entity for which the
1969 Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must
1970 satisfy the requirements of paragraph (a) of this subsection (3)
1971 within three (3) years after the effective date of the law
1972 authorizing the license tag or plate in order to permit the
1973 license tag or plate to be prepared and issued. This paragraph
1974 (b) shall not apply to distinctive tags or plates issued under
1975 Section 27-19-56.154.



1976 (4) Any distinctive license tag authorized under Sections
1977 27-19-56.186, 27-19-56.203 and 27-19-56.315 must meet the
1978 requirements of this subsection before the Department of Revenue
1979 may prepare or issue any such license tag or plate. The
1980 organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized
1981 the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof
1982 satisfactory to the Department of Revenue that at least one
1983 hundred (100) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and
1984 must deposit with the department an amount necessary to purchase
1985 one hundred (100) of such license tags or plates. The
1986 organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized
1987 the distinctive license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements
1988 of this subsection (4) within three (3) years after the effective
1989 date of the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to
1990 permit the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued.

1991 (5) The distinctive license tags authorized under Section
1992 27-19-56.108 must meet the requirements of this subsection before
1993 the Department of Revenue may prepare or issue any such license
1994 tag or plate. The organization or other entity for which the
1995 Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must
1996 submit proof satisfactory to the Department of Revenue that at
1997 least two hundred (200) of such license tags or plates will be
1998 purchased and must deposit with the department an amount necessary
1999 to purchase two hundred (200) of such license tags or plates.



2000 (6) If the organization or other entity for which the
2001 Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate meets
2002 the requirements of subsection (1), (2), (3), (4) or (5) of this
2003 section, the Department of Revenue shall prepare and issue the
2004 distinctive license tag or plate.

2005 (7) The Department of Revenue shall review the number of
2006 distinctive or special license tags or plates issued pursuant to
2007 this chapter during the period for the license tag or plate
2008 series. If the number of any distinctive or special license tag
2009 or plate issued pursuant to this chapter falls below one hundred
2010 (100) in the last year of the license tag or plate series, the
2011 distinctive or special license tag or plate shall be discontinued
2012 at the end of the period for the license tag or plate series.

2013 (8) If a distinctive or special license tag or plate is
2014 discontinued under subsection (7) of this section, the
2015 organization or other entity for which the license tag or plate
2016 was discontinued may prepare a distinctive or special license tag
2017 or plate decal. The distinctive or special license tag or plate
2018 decal shall be of such size, color and design as may be agreed
2019 upon by the organization or other entity and the Department of
2020 Revenue. However, the Department of Revenue shall have final
2021 approval of the size, color and design of the decal. The
2022 distinctive or special license tag or plate decals shall be
2023 prepared and sold by the organization or other entity, and the
2024 proceeds derived from the sale of such decals shall be retained by



2025 the organization or other entity for any use deemed appropriate by
2026 the organization or other entity.

2027 (9) The provisions of this section shall not apply to
2028 distinctive or special license tags or plates:

2029 (a) Which are issued under Section 27-19-45, 27-19-46,
2030 27-19-47.1, 27-19-47.2, 27-19-48, 27-19-49, 27-19-53, 27-19-55,
2031 27-19-56, 27-19-56.1, 27-19-56.2, 27-19-56.3, 27-19-56.5,
2032 27-19-56.6, 27-19-56.9, 27-19-56.11, 27-19-56.12, 27-19-56.13,
2033 27-19-56.40, 27-19-56.62, 27-19-56.69, 27-19-56.79, 27-19-56.90,
2034 27-19-56.125, 27-19-56.127, 27-19-56.137, 27-19-56.140,
2035 27-19-56.162, 27-19-56.187, 27-19-56.199, 27-19-56.205,
2036 27-19-56.239, 27-19-56.292, 27-19-56.318, 27-19-56.379,
2037 27-19-56.425, 27-19-56.466, 27-19-56.489,
2038 27-19-56.522 (1) (a) * * *, 27-19-56.524 or Section 8 of this act;
2039 or

2040 (b) For which no additional fee is required to be paid.

2041 **SECTION 23.** Section 27-19-56.3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
2042 amended as follows:

2043 27-19-56.3. (1) (a) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is an
2044 elected member of the Mississippi House of Representatives or
2045 Mississippi Senate, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws
2046 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, upon
2047 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes
2048 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of
2049 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,



2050 and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in
2051 subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive
2052 license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name. Each
2053 distinctive license tag issued under this section shall have
2054 displayed thereon the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi and
2055 the word "HOUSE" or "SENATE," as appropriate, and, in addition
2056 thereto, such numbers or letters, or both, as may be necessary to
2057 distinguish each license tag. The State Tax Commission shall
2058 determine the color and design of each distinctive license tag
2059 issued under this section and whether or not a county name shall
2060 be required to be displayed on the tag.

2061 (b) Any owner of a motor vehicle who served at least
2062 two (2) complete four (4) year terms as an elected member of the
2063 Mississippi House of Representatives or Mississippi Senate, and
2064 who is receiving retirement compensation under the Public
2065 Employees' Retirement System created under Section 25-11-101,
2066 and/or the Supplemental Legislative Retirement Plan created under
2067 Section 25-11-301, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws
2068 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, upon
2069 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes
2070 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of
2071 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,
2072 and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in
2073 subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive
2074 license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name. Each



2075 distinctive license tag issued under this section shall have
2076 displayed thereon the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi and
2077 the words "RETIRED HOUSE" or "RETIRED SENATE," as appropriate,
2078 and, in addition thereto, such numbers or letters, or both, as may
2079 be necessary to distinguish each license tag. The State Tax
2080 Commission shall determine the color and design of each
2081 distinctive license tag issued under this section and whether or
2082 not a county name shall be required to be displayed on the tag.

2083 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
2084 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
2085 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
2086 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
2087 three percent (3%) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
2088 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis
2089 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional
2090 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
2091 county general fund.

2092 (3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under
2093 this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Fifty
2094 Dollars (\$50.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for
2095 under this section which shall be in addition to all other taxes
2096 and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time
2097 to run concurrent with the vehicle's established license tag year.
2098 The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original
2099 application is made for a distinctive license tag under this



2100 section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
2101 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license
2102 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
2103 tag, or if the owner retires or resigns from or otherwise vacates
2104 his membership in the Legislature, he must surrender the tag to
2105 the local county tax collector.

2106 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees
2107 collected under this section into the State Treasury on the day
2108 collected. At the end of each month, the State Tax Commission
2109 shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected
2110 under this section from the issuance of distinctive license tags.
2111 The State Treasurer shall distribute an amount equal to Seven
2112 Dollars (\$7.00) of the additional fees collected for each such
2113 distinctive license tag issued under this section to the State
2114 General Fund, and the remainder of such additional fees collected
2115 shall be distributed by the State Treasurer to the credit of the
2116 special fund created in Section 7-9-70.

2117 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
2118 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
2119 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
2120 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
2121 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
2122 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
2123 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
2124 tag.



2125 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
2126 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
2127 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
2128 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
2129 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
2130 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
2131 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
2132 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
2133 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
2134 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

2135 (7) (a) In addition to any other provisions of this
2136 section, any person eligible for a distinctive license tag under
2137 this section may, regardless of whether the person obtains such a
2138 license tag, obtain a replica tag of the distinctive license tag
2139 authorized in this section. A replica tag may not be displayed on
2140 any motor vehicle and may not be used for any motor vehicle
2141 license tag purpose. A person may obtain a replica tag from the
2142 Department of Revenue and the additional fee for the tag shall be
2143 the cost of the replica tag and any applicable shipping or
2144 delivery charge or other related charge incurred by the
2145 department.

2146 (b) In addition to any other provisions of this
2147 section, any owner of a motor vehicle who served at least six (6)
2148 years as an elected member of the Mississippi House of
2149 Representatives or Mississippi Senate may obtain a replica tag of



2150 the distinctive license tag authorized in subsection (1)(a) of
2151 this section for which the person would be eligible to obtain if
2152 the person were serving as an elected member of the Mississippi
2153 House of Representatives or Mississippi Senate. A replica tag may
2154 not be displayed on any motor vehicle and may not be used for any
2155 motor vehicle license tag purpose. A person may obtain a replica
2156 tag from the Department of Revenue and the additional fee for the
2157 tag shall be the cost of the replica tag and any applicable
2158 shipping or delivery charge or other related charge incurred by
2159 the department.

2160 **SECTION 24.** Section 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect
2161 and be in force from and after its passage and remainder of this
2162 act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023.

