

By: Senator(s) Thomas

To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2010

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE
2 LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF MOST WORSHIPFUL KING HIRAM GRAND
3 LODGE & ELECTRA GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF EASTERN STAR A.F. & A.M.,
4 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE
5 ISSUANCE OF SUCH TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE
6 ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED FROM THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH TAGS; AND FOR
7 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, upon payment
10 of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and
11 registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of
12 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,
13 and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in
14 subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive
15 license tag which identifies such person as a supporter of Most
16 Worshipful King Hiram Grand Lodge & Electra Grand Chapter Order of
17 Eastern Star A.F. & A.M., State of Mississippi. The distinctive
18 tags shall be of such color and design as the Department of
19 Revenue, with the advice of Most Worshipful King Hiram Grand Lodge
20 & Electra Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star A.F. & A.M., State



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

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

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



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

51 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
52 collected on tags issued under this section shall be distributed
53 to Most Worshipful King Hiram Grand Lodge & Electra Grand Chapter
54 Order of Eastern Star A.F. & A.M., State of Mississippi.

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

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

62 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
63 on tags issued under this section shall be deposited to the credit
64 of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

65 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
66 required by law until replaced by a tag issued under this section.
67 The regular tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon
68 issuance of the distinctive tag. The tax collector shall issue up



69 to two (2) license decals for each tag issued, which will expire
70 the same month and year as the regular license tag.

71 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a tag issued under this
72 section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a
73 replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section
74 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall
75 be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such
76 application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit
77 into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such
78 replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in
79 the same manner as funds from the sale of original tags issued
80 under this section.

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

