

By: Representative Crawford

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 882

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.369, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
2 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE  
3 LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE PASS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT;  
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-19-56.369, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
7 is amended as follows:

8 27-19-56.369. (1) Beginning with any registration year  
9 commencing on or after July 1, \* \* \* 2024, any owner of a motor  
10 vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road  
11 and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees  
12 as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup  
13 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of  
14 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this  
15 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor  
16 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a  
17 supporter of the Pass Christian School District. The distinctive  
18 license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the  
19 Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Pass Christian



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

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

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



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

51           (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee  
52 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
53 section shall be distributed to the Pass Christian School  
54 District.

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

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

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



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

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

86 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued  
87 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be  
88 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, \* \* \*  
89 2027.

90 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
91 and after July 1, 2024.

