

By: Representatives Haney, Crawford

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 893

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.549, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
2 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE  
3 LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE NAVY SEABEE FOUNDATION; AND FOR  
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-19-56.549, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
7 is amended as follows:

8 27-19-56.549. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a  
9 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge  
10 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as  
11 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup  
12 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of  
13 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (4) of this  
14 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor  
15 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a  
16 supporter of any one (1) of the following:

17 (a) Mississippi Association of Nurse Practitioners;

18 (b) \* \* \* Navy Seabee Foundation;



- 19 (c) Saint Stanislaus College in Bay Saint Louis,  
20 Mississippi;
- 21 (d) Vancleave Live Oak Choctaw;
- 22 (e) Morton High School;
- 23 (f) Forest Municipal School District;
- 24 (g) Lake High School;
- 25 (h) Scott Central Attendance Center;
- 26 (i) Sebastopol Attendance Center;
- 27 (j) East Rankin Academy;
- 28 (k) Houston High School;
- 29 (l) Magnolia Heights School;
- 30 (m) Regents School of Oxford;
- 31 (n) The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.;
- 32 (o) Baptist Health Foundation, Inc.;
- 33 (p) Greene County Wildcats;
- 34 (q) Mississippi Disc Golf;
- 35 (r) Mississippi Road Builders Association;
- 36 (s) Clinton Public School District;
- 37 (t) Magnolia Speech School;
- 38 (u) Coahoma County Jr./Sr. High School;
- 39 (v) Clinton Community Nature Center;
- 40 (w) Most Worshipful King Hiram Grand Lodge & Electra  
41 Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star A.F. & A.M., State of  
42 Mississippi;
- 43 (x) City of Olive Branch, Mississippi;



44 (y) Methodist Cursillo of Mississippi.

45 (2) The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such  
46 color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of  
47 the respective beneficiary organization listed in subsection (1)  
48 of this section, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters  
49 or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each  
50 license tag.

51 (3) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
52 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
53 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the  
54 additional fee imposed under subsection (4) of this section, less  
55 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
56 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis  
57 as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional  
58 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the  
59 county general fund.

60 (4) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or  
61 after July 1, 2022, any person applying for a distinctive license  
62 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount  
63 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag  
64 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all  
65 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a  
66 period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established  
67 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the  
68 time the original application is made for a distinctive license



69 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of  
70 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive  
71 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive  
72 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax  
73 collector.

74 (5) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into  
75 the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each  
76 month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State  
77 Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the  
78 issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this  
79 section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as  
80 follows:

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

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

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



94 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
95 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall  
96 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
97 27-19-44.2.

98 (6) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as  
99 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under  
100 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the  
101 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under  
102 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license  
103 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,  
104 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license  
105 tag.

106 (7) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
107 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
108 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
109 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
110 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
111 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
112 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
113 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be  
114 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular  
115 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

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

