

By: Senator(s) Williams

To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2395

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-43, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT NO TAG OR DECAL SHALL BE ISSUED OR RENEWED UNLESS
3 THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE FIRST PRESENTS PROOF OF
4 COVERAGE BY A MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY POLICY; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-19-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 27-19-43. (1) License tags, substitute tags and decals for
10 individual fleets and for private carriers of passengers, school
11 buses (excluding school buses owned by a school district in the
12 state), church buses, taxicabs, ambulances, hearses, motorcycles
13 and private carriers of property, and private commercial carriers
14 of property of a gross weight of ten thousand (10,000) pounds and
15 less, shall be sold and issued by the tax collectors of the
16 several counties.

17 (2) Applications for license tags for motor vehicles in a
18 corporate fleet registered under Section 27-19-66 and trailers in
19 a fleet registered under Section 27-19-66.1, and applications for



20 all other license tags, substitute tags and decals shall be filed
21 with the department or the local tax collector of the respective
22 counties and forwarded to the department for issuance to the
23 applicant. All tags and decals for vehicles owned by the state or
24 any agency or instrumentality thereof, and vehicles owned by a
25 fire protection district, school district or a county or
26 municipality, and all vehicles owned by a road, drainage or levee
27 district shall be issued by the department.

28 (3) In addition to the privilege taxes levied herein, there
29 shall be collected the following registration or tag fee:

30 (a) For the issuance of both a license tag and two (2)
31 decals, a fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00).

32 (b) For the issuance of up to two (2) decals only, a
33 fee of Three Dollars and Seventy-five Cents (\$3.75).

34 (c) Additionally, the tax collector or the department,
35 as the case may be, shall assess and collect a fee of Four Dollars
36 (\$4.00) upon each set of license tags and two (2) decals issued,
37 or upon each set of two (2) decals issued, and that sum shall be
38 deposited in the Mississippi Trauma Care Systems Fund established
39 in Section 41-59-75, to be used for the purposes set out in that
40 section.

41 No tag or decal shall be issued either by a tax collector or
42 by the department without the collection of such registration fee
43 except substitute tags and decals and license tags for vehicles
44 owned by the State of Mississippi.



45 Beginning July 1, 1987, and until the date specified in
46 Section 65-39-35, there shall be levied a registration fee of Five
47 Dollars (\$5.00) in addition to the regular registration fee
48 imposed in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection. Such
49 additional registration fee shall be levied in the same manner as
50 the regular registration fee.

51 No tag or decal shall be issued or renewed under this chapter
52 unless the owner or operator of the motor vehicle first presents
53 proof of coverage by a motor vehicle liability policy, as defined
54 in Section 63-15-43.

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

