

By: Senator(s) Thomas, Brumfield, Jackson

To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2464

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.549, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
 2 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF SEPARATE DISTINCTIVE MOTOR  
 3 VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL KING  
 4 HIRAM GRAND LODGE, A.F. & A.M., STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AND TO  
 5 SUPPORTERS OF ELECTRA GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF EASTERN STAR, A.F. &  
 6 A.M., STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

- 19 (a) Mississippi Association of Nurse Practitioners;
- 20 (b) Seabee Historical Foundation;



- 21 (c) Saint Stanislaus College in Bay Saint Louis,  
22 Mississippi;
- 23 (d) Vancleave Live Oak Choctaw;
- 24 (e) Morton High School;
- 25 (f) Forest Municipal School District;
- 26 (g) Lake High School;
- 27 (h) Scott Central Attendance Center;
- 28 (i) Sebastopol Attendance Center;
- 29 (j) East Rankin Academy;
- 30 (k) Houston High School;
- 31 (l) Magnolia Heights School;
- 32 (m) Regents School of Oxford;
- 33 (n) The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.;
- 34 (o) Baptist Health Foundation, Inc.;
- 35 (p) Greene County Wildcats;
- 36 (q) Mississippi Disc Golf;
- 37 (r) Mississippi Road Builders Association;
- 38 (s) Clinton Public School District;
- 39 (t) Magnolia Speech School;
- 40 (u) Coahoma County Jr./Sr. High School;
- 41 (v) Clinton Community Nature Center;
- 42 (w) Most Worshipful King Hiram Grand Lodge \* \* \*1 A.F.  
43 & A.M., State of Mississippi;
- 44 (x) Electra Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star, A.F. &  
45 A.M., State of Mississippi;



46 ( \* \* \*y) City of Olive Branch, Mississippi; and

47 ( \* \* \*z) Methodist Cursillo of Mississippi.

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

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

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



71 time the original application is made for a distinctive license  
72 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of  
73 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive  
74 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive  
75 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax  
76 collector.

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

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

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

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



95 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or  
96 reconstruction of highways.

97 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
98 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall  
99 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
100 27-19-44.2.

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

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



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

