

By: Senator(s) Tate

To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2801  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE  
2 LICENSE TAGS WITH THE WORDS "IN GOD WE TRUST" USED IN THE DESIGN  
3 OF THE LICENSE TAGS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE  
4 MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE TUNNEL TO TOWERS  
5 FOUNDATION; TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF  
6 SUCH LICENSE TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE  
7 ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED FROM THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS;  
8 TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.549, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
9 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS  
10 TO SUPPORTERS OF THE NAVY SEABEE FOUNDATION; TO AUTHORIZE THE  
11 ISSUANCE OF SEPARATE DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO  
12 SUPPORTERS OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL KING HIRAM GRAND LODGE, A.F. &  
13 A.M., STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AND TO SUPPORTERS OF ELECTRA GRAND  
14 CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, A.F. & A.M., STATE OF  
15 MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR  
16 VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF CLARKDALE HIGH SCHOOL IN  
17 LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF  
18 DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE  
19 COLUMBIA ACADEMY COUGARS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE  
20 MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI  
21 HUNTING DOG ASSOCIATION; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE  
22 MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF O'KEEFE EDUCATIONAL  
23 MEDIA DBA DISABILITY CONNECTION; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF  
24 DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE NEW  
25 ORLEANS PELICANS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR  
26 VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI ECONOMIC  
27 COUNCIL; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE  
28 LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY FOR DYSLEXIA;  
29 TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE  
30 TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE  
31 COLLECTED FROM THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS; TO AMEND SECTION  
32 27-19-56.369, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE  
33 ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS  
34 OF THE PASS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION



35 27-19-56.387, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE  
36 ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS  
37 OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF MISSISSIPPI ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR; TO  
38 AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.411, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
39 REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS  
40 TO SUPPORTERS OF THE FORMER ROSA A. TEMPLE HIGH SCHOOL IN  
41 VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.485, MISSISSIPPI  
42 CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR  
43 VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MOSS POINT SCHOOL  
44 DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.498, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
45 TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE  
46 TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF EV MISSISSIPPI; TO AMEND SECTION  
47 27-19-56.532, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE  
48 ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS  
49 OF DESERT OF MISSISSIPPI SHRINERS AND DAUGHTERS AEAONMS, PHA; TO  
50 AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.535, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
51 REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS  
52 TO SUPPORTERS OF WILDLIFE MISSISSIPPI; TO AMEND SECTION  
53 27-19-56.554, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE  
54 ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS  
55 OF JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA, INC.; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-44,  
56 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DISTINCTIVE MOTOR  
57 VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED TO SUPPORTERS OF THE  
58 GARDEN CLUBS OF MISSISSIPPI, INC., MAGNOLIA HEIGHTS SCHOOL AND  
59 METHODIST CURSILLO OF MISSISSIPPI MAY BE ISSUED AFTER PROOF HAS  
60 BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE THAT 100 OF SUCH TAGS  
61 WILL BE PURCHASED; TO PROVIDE THAT, UNTIL 300 SUCH TAGS ARE SOLD,  
62 THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL DEPOSIT THE PROCEEDS OF THE  
63 ADDITIONAL FEE INTO THE LICENSE TAG ACQUISITION FUND, AND AFTER  
64 300 TAGS ARE SOLD, THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED AS PROVIDED  
65 IN THE SECTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE APPLICABLE SPECIAL  
66 TAG; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO PROMULGATE RELEVANT  
67 RULES AND REGULATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.412, MISSISSIPPI  
68 CODE OF 1972, TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED  
69 FOR THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS WITH  
70 THE WORD "ADOPTION" USED IN THE DESIGN OF THE LICENSE TAGS; AND  
71 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

73 **SECTION 1.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a  
74 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge  
75 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as  
76 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup  
77 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of  
78 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this



79 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor  
80 vehicle registered in his name, which shall be of such color and  
81 design as the department, with the advice of American Family  
82 Association, Inc., may prescribe. The words "In God We Trust"  
83 shall be used in the design of the license tag. The department  
84 shall prescribe such letters or numbers, or both, as may be  
85 necessary to distinguish each license tag.

86 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
87 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
88 prescribed by the department. The application and the additional  
89 fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars  
90 (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be  
91 remitted to the department on a monthly basis as prescribed by the  
92 department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax  
93 collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

94 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or  
95 after July 1, 2024, any person applying for a distinctive license  
96 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount  
97 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag  
98 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all  
99 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a  
100 period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established  
101 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the  
102 time the original application is made for a distinctive license  
103 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of



104 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive  
105 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive  
106 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax  
107 collector.

108 (4) The department shall deposit all fees into the State  
109 Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the  
110 department shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees  
111 collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive  
112 license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall  
113 distribute such collections as follows:

114 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee  
115 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
116 section shall be distributed to American Family Association, Inc.

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

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

126 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
127 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall



128 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
129 27-19-44.2.

130 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as  
131 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under  
132 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the  
133 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under  
134 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license  
135 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,  
136 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license  
137 tag.

138 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
139 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
140 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
141 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
142 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
143 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
144 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
145 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be  
146 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular  
147 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

148 **SECTION 2.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a  
149 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge  
150 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as  
151 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup  
152 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of



153 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this  
154 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor  
155 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a  
156 supporter of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. The distinctive  
157 license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the  
158 department, with the advice of the Tunnel to Towers Biloxi, may  
159 prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both,  
160 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

161 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
162 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
163 prescribed by the department. The application and the additional  
164 fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars  
165 (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be  
166 remitted to the department on a monthly basis as prescribed by the  
167 department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax  
168 collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

169 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or  
170 after July 1, 2024, any person applying for a distinctive license  
171 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount  
172 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag  
173 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all  
174 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a  
175 period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established  
176 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the  
177 time the original application is made for a distinctive license



178 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of  
179 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive  
180 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive  
181 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax  
182 collector.

183 (4) The department shall deposit all fees into the State  
184 Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the  
185 department shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees  
186 collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive  
187 license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall  
188 distribute such collections as follows:

189 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee  
190 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
191 section shall be distributed to the Tunnel to Towers Biloxi.

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

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

201 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
202 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall



203 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
204 27-19-44.2.

205 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as  
206 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under  
207 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the  
208 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under  
209 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license  
210 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,  
211 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license  
212 tag.

213 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
214 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
215 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
216 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
217 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
218 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
219 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
220 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be  
221 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular  
222 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

223 **SECTION 3.** Section 27-19-56.549, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
224 is amended as follows:

225 27-19-56.549. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a  
226 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge  
227 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as





228 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup  
229 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of  
230 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (4) of this  
231 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor  
232 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a  
233 supporter of any one (1) of the following:

234 (a) Mississippi Association of Nurse Practitioners;

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

236 (c) Saint Stanislaus College in Bay Saint Louis,  
237 Mississippi;

238 (d) Vancleave Live Oak Choctaw;

239 (e) Morton High School;

240 (f) Forest Municipal School District;

241 (g) Lake High School;

242 (h) Scott Central Attendance Center;

243 (i) Sebastopol Attendance Center;

244 (j) East Rankin Academy;

245 (k) Houston High School;

246 (l) Magnolia Heights School;

247 (m) Regents School of Oxford;

248 (n) The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.;

249 (o) Baptist Health Foundation, Inc.;

250 (p) Greene County Wildcats;

251 (q) Mississippi Disc Golf;

252 (r) Mississippi Road Builders Association;



- 253 (s) Clinton Public School District;
- 254 (t) Magnolia Speech School;
- 255 (u) Coahoma County Jr./Sr. High School;
- 256 (v) Clinton Community Nature Center;
- 257 (w) Most Worshipful King Hiram Grand Lodge \* \* \*l, A.F.  
258 & A.M., State of Mississippi;
- 259 (x) Electra Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star,  
260 A.F. & A.M., State of Mississippi;
- 261 ( \* \* \*y) City of Olive Branch, Mississippi;
- 262 ( \* \* \*z) Methodist Cursillo of Mississippi \* \* \*;
- 263 (aa) Clarkdale High School in Lauderdale County,  
264 Mississippi;
- 265 (ab) Columbia Academy Cougars;
- 266 (ac) Mississippi Hunting Dog Association;
- 267 (ad) O'Keefe Educational Media DBA Disability  
268 Connection;
- 269 (ae) New Orleans Pelicans;
- 270 (af) Mississippi Economic Council;
- 271 (ag) Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia.

272 (2) The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such  
273 color and design as the department \* \* \*, with the advice of the  
274 respective beneficiary organization listed in subsection (1) of  
275 this section, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or  
276 numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license  
277 tag.



278 (3) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
279 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
280 prescribed by the department \* \* \*. The application and the  
281 additional fee imposed under subsection (4) of this section, less  
282 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
283 shall be remitted to the department \* \* \* on a monthly basis as  
284 prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee  
285 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county  
286 general fund.

287 (4) \* \* \* Any person applying for a distinctive license tag  
288 under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of  
289 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied  
290 for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other  
291 taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of  
292 time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license  
293 tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the  
294 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under  
295 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal  
296 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license  
297 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license  
298 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

299 (5) The department \* \* \* shall deposit all fees into the  
300 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
301 the department \* \* \* shall certify to the State Treasurer the  
302 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the



303 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
304 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

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

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

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

318 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
319 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall  
320 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
321 27-19-44.2.

322 (6) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as  
323 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under  
324 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the  
325 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under  
326 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license  
327 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,



328 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license  
329 tag.

330 (7) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
331 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
332 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
333 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
334 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
335 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
336 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
337 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be  
338 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular  
339 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

340 **SECTION 4.** Section 27-19-56.369, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
341 is amended as follows:

342 27-19-56.369. (1) Beginning with any registration year  
343 commencing on or after July 1, \* \* \* 2024, any owner of a motor  
344 vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road  
345 and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees  
346 as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup  
347 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of  
348 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this  
349 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor  
350 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a  
351 supporter of the Pass Christian School District. The distinctive  
352 license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the



353 department \* \* \*, with the advice of the Pass Christian School  
354 District, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or  
355 numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license  
356 tag.

357 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
358 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
359 prescribed by the department \* \* \*. The application and the  
360 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
361 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
362 shall be remitted to the department \* \* \* on a monthly basis as  
363 prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee  
364 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county  
365 general fund.

366 (3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under  
367 this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty  
368 Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for  
369 under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes  
370 and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time  
371 to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag  
372 year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the  
373 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under  
374 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal  
375 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license  
376 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license  
377 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.



378 (4) The department \* \* \* shall deposit all fees into the  
379 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
380 the department \* \* \* shall certify to the State Treasurer the  
381 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the  
382 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
383 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

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

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

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

397 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
398 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall  
399 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
400 27-19-44.2.

401 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as  
402 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under



403 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the  
404 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under  
405 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license  
406 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,  
407 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license  
408 tag.

409 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
410 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
411 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
412 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
413 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
414 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
415 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
416 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be  
417 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular  
418 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

419 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued  
420 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be  
421 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, \* \* \*  
422 2027.

423 **SECTION 5.** Section 27-19-56.387, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
424 is amended as follows:

425 27-19-56.387. (1) Beginning with any registration year  
426 commencing on or after July 1, 2024, any owner of a motor vehicle  
427 who is a resident of this state and a member of the Grand Chapter





428 of \* \* \* Mississippi Order of the Eastern Star or the spouse \* \* \*  
429 or child of a deceased member, upon payment of the road and bridge  
430 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as  
431 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup  
432 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of  
433 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this  
434 section, shall be entitled to be issued a distinctive license tag  
435 for any motor vehicle registered in their name. The distinctive  
436 license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the  
437 department \* \* \*, with the advice of the Grand Chapter of \* \* \*  
438 Mississippi Order of the Eastern Star, may prescribe and shall  
439 consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary  
440 to distinguish each license tag.

441 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
442 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
443 prescribed by the department \* \* \*. The application and the  
444 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
445 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
446 shall be remitted to the department \* \* \* on a monthly basis as  
447 prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee  
448 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county  
449 general fund.

450 (3) \* \* \* Any person applying for a distinctive license tag  
451 under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of  
452 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied



453 for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other  
454 taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of  
455 time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license  
456 tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the  
457 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under  
458 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal  
459 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license  
460 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license  
461 tag, he or she must surrender it to the local county tax  
462 collector.

463 (4) The department \* \* \* shall deposit all fees into the  
464 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
465 the department \* \* \* shall certify to the State Treasurer the  
466 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the  
467 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
468 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

469 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee  
470 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
471 section shall be distributed to the Grand Chapter of \* \* \*  
472 Mississippi Order of the Eastern Star.

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



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

482 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
483 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall  
484 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
485 27-19-44.2.

486 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as  
487 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under  
488 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the  
489 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under  
490 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license  
491 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,  
492 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license  
493 tag.

494 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
495 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
496 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
497 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
498 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
499 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
500 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
501 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be



502 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular  
503 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

504 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued  
505 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be  
506 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2027.

507 **SECTION 6.** Section 27-19-56.411, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
508 is amended as follows:

509 27-19-56.411. (1) Beginning with any registration year  
510 commencing on or after July 1, 2024, any owner of a motor vehicle  
511 who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and  
512 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as  
513 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup  
514 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of  
515 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this  
516 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor  
517 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a  
518 supporter of the former Rosa A. Temple High School in Vicksburg,  
519 Mississippi. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of  
520 such color and design as the department \* \* \*, with the advice of  
521 Central Mississippi Prevention Services, Inc., may prescribe and  
522 shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be  
523 necessary to distinguish each license tag.

524 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
525 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
526 prescribed by the department \* \* \*. The application and the



527 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
528 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
529 shall be remitted to the department \* \* \* on a monthly basis as  
530 prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee  
531 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county  
532 general fund.

533 (3) \* \* \* Any person applying for a distinctive license tag  
534 under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of  
535 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied  
536 for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other  
537 taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of  
538 time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license  
539 tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the  
540 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under  
541 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal  
542 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license  
543 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license  
544 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

545 (4) The department \* \* \* shall deposit all fees into the  
546 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
547 the department \* \* \* shall certify to the State Treasurer the  
548 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the  
549 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
550 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:



551           (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee  
552 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
553 section shall be distributed to Central Mississippi Prevention  
554 Services, Inc.

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

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

564           (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
565 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall  
566 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
567 27-19-44.2.

568           (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as  
569 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under  
570 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the  
571 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under  
572 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license  
573 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,  
574 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license  
575 tag.



576 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
577 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
578 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
579 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
580 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
581 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
582 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
583 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be  
584 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular  
585 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

586 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued  
587 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be  
588 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2027.

589 **SECTION 7.** Section 27-19-56.485, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
590 is amended as follows:

591 27-19-56.485. (1) Beginning with any registration year  
592 commencing on or after July 1, 2024, any owner of a motor vehicle  
593 who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and  
594 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as  
595 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup  
596 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of  
597 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this  
598 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor  
599 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a  
600 supporter of the Moss Point School District. The distinctive



601 license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the  
602 department \* \* \*, with the advice of the Superintendent of the  
603 Moss Point School District, may prescribe and shall consist of  
604 such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to  
605 distinguish each license tag.

606 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
607 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
608 prescribed by the department \* \* \*. The application and the  
609 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
610 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
611 shall be remitted to the department \* \* \* on a monthly basis as  
612 prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee  
613 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county  
614 general fund.

615 (3) \* \* \* Any person applying for a distinctive license tag  
616 under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of  
617 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied  
618 for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other  
619 taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of  
620 time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license  
621 tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the  
622 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under  
623 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal  
624 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license





625 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license  
626 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

627 (4) The department \* \* \* shall deposit all fees into the  
628 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
629 the department \* \* \* shall certify to the State Treasurer the  
630 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the  
631 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
632 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

633 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee  
634 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
635 section shall be distributed to the Gulf Coast Community  
636 Foundation for deposit into a special fund created by the Moss  
637 Point Educational Enhancement Foundation and used for the purpose  
638 authorized by the Board of Directors of the Moss Point Educational  
639 Enhancement Foundation.

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

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



649           (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
650 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall  
651 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
652 27-19-44.2.

653           (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as  
654 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under  
655 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the  
656 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under  
657 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license  
658 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,  
659 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license  
660 tag.

661           (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
662 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
663 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
664 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
665 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
666 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
667 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
668 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be  
669 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular  
670 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

671           (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued  
672 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be  
673 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2027.



674           **SECTION 8.** Section 27-19-56.498, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
675 is amended as follows:

676           27-19-56.498. (1) Beginning with any registration year  
677 commencing on or after July 1, 2024, any owner of a motor vehicle  
678 who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and  
679 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as  
680 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup  
681 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of  
682 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this  
683 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor  
684 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a  
685 supporter of EV Mississippi. The distinctive license tags so  
686 issued shall be of such color and design as the department \* \* \*,  
687 with the advice of EV Mississippi, may prescribe and shall consist  
688 of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to  
689 distinguish each license tag.

690           (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
691 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
692 prescribed by the department \* \* \*. The application and the  
693 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
694 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
695 shall be remitted to the department \* \* \* on a monthly basis as  
696 prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee  
697 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county  
698 general fund.



699           (3) \* \* \* Any person applying for a distinctive license tag  
700 under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of  
701 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied  
702 for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other  
703 taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of  
704 time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license  
705 tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the  
706 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under  
707 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal  
708 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license  
709 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license  
710 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

711           (4) The department \* \* \* shall deposit all fees into the  
712 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
713 the department \* \* \* shall certify to the State Treasurer the  
714 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the  
715 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
716 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

717                   (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee  
718 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
719 section shall be distributed to EV Mississippi.

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



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

729 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
730 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall  
731 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
732 27-19-44.2.

733 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as  
734 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under  
735 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the  
736 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under  
737 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license  
738 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,  
739 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license  
740 tag.

741 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
742 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
743 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
744 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
745 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
746 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
747 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
748 for such replacement license tag, and the remainder shall be



749 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular  
750 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

751 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued  
752 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be  
753 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2027.

754 **SECTION 9.** Section 27-19-56.532, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
755 is amended as follows:

756 27-19-56.532. (1) Beginning with any registration year  
757 commencing on or after July 1, \* \* \* 2024, any owner of a motor  
758 vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road  
759 and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees  
760 as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup  
761 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of  
762 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this  
763 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor  
764 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a  
765 supporter of Desert of Mississippi Shriners and Daughters AEAONMS,  
766 PHA. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such  
767 color and design as the department \* \* \*, with the advice of  
768 Desert of Mississippi Shriners and Daughters AEAONMS, PHA, may  
769 prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both,  
770 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

771 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
772 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
773 prescribed by the department \* \* \*. The application and the



774 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
775 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
776 shall be remitted to the department \* \* \* on a monthly basis as  
777 prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee  
778 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county  
779 general fund.

780 (3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under  
781 this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Fifty  
782 Dollars (\$50.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for  
783 under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes  
784 and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time  
785 to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag  
786 year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the  
787 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under  
788 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal  
789 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license  
790 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license  
791 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

792 (4) The department \* \* \* shall deposit all fees into the  
793 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
794 the department \* \* \* shall certify to the State Treasurer the  
795 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the  
796 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
797 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:



798 (a) Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee  
799 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
800 section shall be distributed to Desert of Mississippi Shriners and  
801 Daughters AEAONMS, PHA.

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

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

811 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
812 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall  
813 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
814 27-19-44.2.

815 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as  
816 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under  
817 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the  
818 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under  
819 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license  
820 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,  
821 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license  
822 tag.





823 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
824 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
825 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
826 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
827 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
828 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
829 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
830 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be  
831 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular  
832 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

833 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued  
834 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be  
835 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2027.

836 **SECTION 10.** Section 27-19-56.535, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
837 is amended as follows:

838 27-19-56.535. (1) Beginning with any registration year  
839 commencing on or after July 1, \* \* \* 2024, any owner of a motor  
840 vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road  
841 and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees  
842 as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup  
843 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of  
844 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this  
845 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor  
846 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a  
847 supporter of Wildlife Mississippi. The distinctive license tags



848 so issued shall be of such color and design as the  
849 department \* \* \*, with the advice of Wildlife Mississippi, may  
850 prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both,  
851 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

852 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
853 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
854 prescribed by the department \* \* \*. The application and the  
855 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
856 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
857 shall be remitted to the department \* \* \* on a monthly basis as  
858 prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee  
859 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county  
860 general fund.

861 (3) \* \* \* Any person applying for a distinctive license tag  
862 under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of  
863 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied  
864 for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other  
865 taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of  
866 time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license  
867 tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the  
868 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under  
869 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal  
870 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license  
871 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license  
872 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.



873           (4) The department \* \* \* shall deposit all fees into the  
874 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
875 the department \* \* \* shall certify to the State Treasurer the  
876 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the  
877 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
878 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

879           (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee  
880 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
881 section shall be distributed to Wildlife Mississippi.

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

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

891           (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
892 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall  
893 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
894 27-19-44.2.

895           (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as  
896 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under  
897 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the



898 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under  
899 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license  
900 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,  
901 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license  
902 tag.

903 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
904 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
905 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
906 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
907 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
908 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
909 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
910 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be  
911 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular  
912 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

913 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued  
914 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be  
915 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2027.

916 **SECTION 11.** Section 27-19-56.554, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
917 is amended as follows:

918 27-19-56.554. (1) Beginning with any registration year  
919 commencing on or after July 1, 2024, any owner of a motor vehicle  
920 who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and  
921 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as  
922 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup



923 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of  
924 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this  
925 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor  
926 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a  
927 supporter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. The distinctive  
928 license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the  
929 department \* \* \*, with the advice of the Jackson, Mississippi,  
930 Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., may prescribe and shall  
931 consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary  
932 to distinguish each license tag.

933 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
934 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
935 prescribed by the department \* \* \*. The application and the  
936 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
937 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
938 shall be remitted to the department \* \* \* on a monthly basis as  
939 prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee  
940 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county  
941 general fund.

942 (3) \* \* \* Any person applying for a distinctive license tag  
943 under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of  
944 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied  
945 for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other  
946 taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of  
947 time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license



948 tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the  
949 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under  
950 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal  
951 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license  
952 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license  
953 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

954 (4) The department \* \* \* shall deposit all fees into the  
955 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
956 the department \* \* \* shall certify to the State Treasurer the  
957 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the  
958 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
959 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

960 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee  
961 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
962 section shall be distributed to the Jackson, Mississippi, Chapter  
963 of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

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

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



973 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
974 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall  
975 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
976 27-19-44.2.

977 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as  
978 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under  
979 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the  
980 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under  
981 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license  
982 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,  
983 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license  
984 tag.

985 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
986 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
987 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
988 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
989 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
990 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
991 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
992 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be  
993 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular  
994 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

995 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued  
996 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be  
997 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2027.



998           **SECTION 12.** Section 27-19-44, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
999 amended as follows:

1000           27-19-44. (1) For any distinctive license tag or plate  
1001 authorized by the Legislature from and after July 1, 2000, through  
1002 June 30, 2002, or authorized by Sections 27-19-56.37 and  
1003 27-19-56.55, the requirements of this subsection must be met  
1004 before the department \* \* \* may prepare or issue any such license  
1005 tag or plate. The organization or other entity for which the  
1006 Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must  
1007 submit proof satisfactory to the department \* \* \* that at least  
1008 one hundred (100) of such license tags or plates will be purchased  
1009 and must deposit with the department an amount necessary to  
1010 purchase one hundred (100) of such license tags or plates. The  
1011 organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized  
1012 the distinctive license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements  
1013 of this subsection (1) within two (2) years after the effective  
1014 date of the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to  
1015 permit the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued.

1016           (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (1) of this  
1017 section, for any distinctive license tag or plate authorized by  
1018 the Legislature from and after July 1, 2002, through June 30,  
1019 2007, the requirements of this subsection must be met before the  
1020 department \* \* \* may prepare or issue any such license tag or  
1021 plate. The organization or other entity for which the Legislature  
1022 authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof





1023 satisfactory to the department \* \* \* that at least two hundred  
1024 (200) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and must  
1025 deposit with the department an amount necessary to purchase two  
1026 hundred (200) of such license tags or plates. The organization or  
1027 other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive  
1028 license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements of this  
1029 subsection (2) within three (3) years after the effective date of  
1030 the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to permit  
1031 the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued.

1032 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, Section  
1033 27-19-56.7, Section 27-19-56.56, Section 27-19-56.59, Section  
1034 27-19-56.85 or Section 27-19-56.94, for any distinctive license  
1035 tag or plate authorized or reauthorized by the Legislature from  
1036 and after July 1, 2007, the following requirements must be met  
1037 before the department \* \* \* may prepare or issue any such license  
1038 tag or plate:

1039 (a) The organization or other entity for which the  
1040 Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must  
1041 submit proof satisfactory to the department \* \* \* that at least  
1042 three hundred (300) of such license tags or plates will be  
1043 purchased and must deposit with the department an amount necessary  
1044 to purchase three hundred (300) of such license tags or plates.

1045 (b) The organization or other entity for which the  
1046 Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must  
1047 satisfy the requirements of paragraph (a) of this subsection (3)



1048 within three (3) years after the effective date of the law  
1049 authorizing the license tag or plate in order to permit the  
1050 license tag or plate to be prepared and issued. This paragraph  
1051 (b) shall not apply to distinctive tags or plates issued under  
1052 Section 27-19-56.154.

1053 (4) Any distinctive license tag authorized under \* \* \*  
1054 Section 27-19-56.186, 27-19-56.203 and 27-19-56.315 must meet the  
1055 requirements of this subsection before the department \* \* \* may  
1056 prepare or issue any such license tag or plate. The organization  
1057 or other entity for which the Legislature authorized the  
1058 distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof satisfactory to  
1059 the department \* \* \* that at least one hundred (100) of such  
1060 license tags or plates will be purchased and must deposit with the  
1061 department an amount necessary to purchase one hundred (100) of  
1062 such license tags or plates. The organization or other entity for  
1063 which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or  
1064 plate must satisfy the requirements of this subsection (4) within  
1065 three (3) years after the effective date of the law authorizing  
1066 the license tag or plate in order to permit the license tag or  
1067 plate to be prepared and issued.

1068 (5) The distinctive license tags authorized under Section  
1069 27-19-56.108 must meet the requirements of this subsection before  
1070 the department \* \* \* may prepare or issue any such license tag or  
1071 plate. The organization or other entity for which the Legislature  
1072 authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof



1073 satisfactory to the department \* \* \* that at least two hundred  
1074 (200) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and must  
1075 deposit with the department an amount necessary to purchase two  
1076 hundred (200) of such license tags or plates.

1077       (6) Any distinctive license tag authorized under Section  
1078 27-19-56.549(1)(l), (n) or (z) must meet the requirements of this  
1079 subsection before the department may prepare or issue any such  
1080 license tag or plate. The organization or other entity for which  
1081 the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate  
1082 must submit proof satisfactory to the department that at least one  
1083 hundred (100) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and  
1084 must deposit with the department an amount necessary to purchase  
1085 one hundred (100) of such license tags or plates. The  
1086 organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized  
1087 the distinctive license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements  
1088 of this subsection (4) within three (3) years after the effective  
1089 date of the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to  
1090 permit the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued. Until  
1091 a total of three hundred (300) such tags are sold, the department  
1092 shall deposit the proceeds of the additional fee into the License  
1093 Tag Acquisition Fund created in Section 27-19-179. After three  
1094 hundred (300) tags are sold, the proceeds of the additional fee  
1095 shall be distributed as provided in the section authorizing the  
1096 issuance of the applicable special tag. The department may  
1097 promulgate rules and regulations to administer this subsection.



1098 ( \* \* \*7) If the organization or other entity for which the  
1099 Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate meets  
1100 the requirements of subsection (1), (2), (3), (4) or (5) of this  
1101 section, the department \* \* \* shall prepare and issue the  
1102 distinctive license tag or plate.

1103 ( \* \* \*8) The department \* \* \* shall review the number of  
1104 distinctive or special license tags or plates issued pursuant to  
1105 this chapter during the period for the license tag or plate  
1106 series. If the number of any distinctive or special license tag  
1107 or plate issued pursuant to this chapter falls below one hundred  
1108 (100) in the last year of the license tag or plate series, the  
1109 distinctive or special license tag or plate shall be discontinued  
1110 at the end of the period for the license tag or plate series.

1111 ( \* \* \*9) If a distinctive or special license tag or plate  
1112 is discontinued under subsection (7) of this section, the  
1113 organization or other entity for which the license tag or plate  
1114 was discontinued may prepare a distinctive or special license tag  
1115 or plate decal. The distinctive or special license tag or plate  
1116 decal shall be of such size, color and design as may be agreed  
1117 upon by the organization or other entity and the department \* \* \*.  
1118 However, the department \* \* \* shall have final approval of the  
1119 size, color and design of the decal. The distinctive or special  
1120 license tag or plate decals shall be prepared and sold by the  
1121 organization or other entity, and the proceeds derived from the  
1122 sale of such decals shall be retained by the organization or other



1123 entity for any use deemed appropriate by the organization or other  
1124 entity.

1125 ( \* \* \*10) The provisions of this section shall not apply to  
1126 distinctive or special license tags or plates:

1127 (a) Which are issued under Section 27-19-45, 27-19-46,  
1128 27-19-47.1, 27-19-47.2, 27-19-48, 27-19-49, 27-19-53, 27-19-55,  
1129 27-19-56, 27-19-56.1, 27-19-56.2, 27-19-56.3, 27-19-56.5,  
1130 27-19-56.6, 27-19-56.9, 27-19-56.11, 27-19-56.12, 27-19-56.13,  
1131 27-19-56.40, 27-19-56.62, 27-19-56.69, 27-19-56.79, 27-19-56.90,  
1132 27-19-56.125, 27-19-56.127, 27-19-56.137, 27-19-56.140,  
1133 27-19-56.162, 27-19-56.187, 27-19-56.199, 27-19-56.205,  
1134 27-19-56.239, 27-19-56.292, 27-19-56.318, 27-19-56.379,  
1135 27-19-56.425, 27-19-56.466, 27-19-56.489, 27-19-56.522(1)(a),  
1136 27-19-56.524 or 27-19-56.557; or

1137 (b) For which no additional fee is required to be paid.

1138 **SECTION 13.** Section 27-19-56.412, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
1139 is amended as follows:

1140 27-19-56.412. (1) Beginning with any registration year  
1141 commencing on or after July 1, 2023, any owner of a motor vehicle  
1142 who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and  
1143 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as  
1144 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup  
1145 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of  
1146 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this  
1147 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor



1148 vehicle registered in his name, which shall be of such color and  
1149 design as the department \* \* \*, with the advice of Choose Life  
1150 Mississippi or any successor entity, may prescribe. The word  
1151 "Adoption" shall be used in the design of the license tag. The  
1152 department \* \* \* shall prescribe such letters or numbers, or both,  
1153 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

1154 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
1155 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
1156 prescribed by the department \* \* \*. The application and the  
1157 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
1158 Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be  
1159 remitted to the department \* \* \* on a monthly basis as prescribed  
1160 by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by  
1161 the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

1162 (3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under  
1163 this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of \* \* \*  
1164 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied  
1165 for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other  
1166 taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of  
1167 time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license  
1168 tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the  
1169 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under  
1170 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal  
1171 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license



1172 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license  
1173 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

1174 (4) The department \* \* \* shall deposit all fees into the  
1175 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
1176 the department \* \* \* shall certify the total fees collected under  
1177 this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such  
1178 collections as follows:

1179 (a) \* \* \* Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each  
1180 additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued  
1181 pursuant to this section shall be disbursed to Choose Life  
1182 Mississippi or any successor entity to be used as provided for in  
1183 subsection (5) of this section.

1184 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
1185 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall  
1186 be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant  
1187 to Section 7-9-70.

1188 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee  
1189 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
1190 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund  
1191 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or  
1192 reconstruction of highways.

1193 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
1194 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall  
1195 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
1196 27-19-44.2.



1197           (5) Funds disbursed to Choose Life Mississippi or any  
1198 successor entity under this section may be used for any purpose  
1199 other than for administrative expenses, legal expenses, capital  
1200 expenditures, attempting to influence any legislation or any  
1201 political campaign on behalf or in opposition to any candidate for  
1202 public office.

1203           (6) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as  
1204 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under  
1205 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the  
1206 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under  
1207 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license  
1208 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,  
1209 which will expire the same month and year as the license tag.

1210           (7) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
1211 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
1212 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
1213 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
1214 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
1215 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
1216 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
1217 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be  
1218 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular  
1219 distinctive license tags issued under this section.





1220 (8) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued  
1221 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be  
1222 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2026.

1223 **SECTION 14.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
1224 and after July 1, 2024.

