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To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 889

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE "MISSISSIPPI INDIGENT BURN CARE SUPPORT
2 FUND" AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY; TO PROVIDE THAT
3 MONIES IN THE SPECIAL FUND MAY BE APPROPRIATED TO THE MISSISSIPPI
4 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT CERTAIN
5 RESPONSIBILITIES ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 41-59-5 AND FOR
6 REIMBURSEMENT OF UNCOMPENSATED CARE TO MISSISSIPPIANS ADMINISTERED
7 BY OUT-OF-STATE BURN CENTERS THAT ARE AFFILIATED WITH LEVEL I
8 TRAUMA CENTERS IN THE MISSISSIPPI TRAUMA CARE SYSTEM; TO AMEND
9 SECTION 27-19-44.4, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO IMPOSE AN
10 ADDITIONAL FEE OF TWO DOLLARS FOR DISTINCTIVE OR SPECIAL LICENSE
11 TAGS AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROCEEDS COLLECTED FROM THE
12 ADDITIONAL FEE SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE MISSISSIPPI INDIGENT
13 BURN CARE SUPPORT FUND CREATED IN THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED
14 PURPOSES.

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

16 **SECTION 1.** There is created in the State Treasury a special
17 fund to be known as the "Mississippi Indigent Burn Care Support
18 Fund". The fund shall consist of monies deposited therein under
19 Section 27-19-44.4(3) and any other monies designated for deposit
20 into the fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State
21 Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from
22 the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in
23 the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the
24 State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings



25 on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund. For
26 fiscal year 2025, and for each fiscal year thereafter, the
27 Legislature may appropriate monies in the Mississippi Indigent
28 Burn Care Support Fund. Any appropriation of funds from the
29 Mississippi Indigent Burn Care Support Fund shall be to the
30 Mississippi Department of Health for the purpose of carrying out
31 its responsibilities established in Section 41-59-5(7) and for
32 reimbursement of uncompensated care to Mississippians administered
33 by out-of-state burn centers that are affiliated with Level I
34 trauma centers in the Mississippi trauma care system. The
35 Mississippi Indigent Burn Care Support Fund shall be authorized to
36 accept gifts, donations, bequests, appropriations or other grants
37 from any source, governmental or private, for deposit into the
38 fund. The Department of Health shall be the agency responsible
39 for receiving any such gifts, donations, bequests, appropriations
40 or grants and shall deposit such to the Mississippi Indigent Burn
41 Care Support Fund.

42 **SECTION 2.** Section 27-19-44.4, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
43 amended as follows:

44 27-19-44.4. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law
45 to the contrary, beginning with any registration year commencing
46 on or after January 1, 2004, an additional fee of One Dollar
47 (\$1.00) is imposed for any distinctive or special license tag or
48 plate authorized under this chapter regardless of whether such a
49 distinctive or special license tag or plate was authorized before



50 or after July 1, 2003. The proceeds collected from the additional
51 fee imposed under this section shall be deposited into the special
52 fund created under Section 27-19-56.69(8).

53 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
54 contrary, beginning with any registration year commencing on or
55 after January 1, 2018, an additional fee of Two Dollars (\$2.00) is
56 imposed for any distinctive or special license tag or plate
57 authorized under this chapter regardless of whether such a
58 distinctive or special license tag or plate was authorized before
59 or after July 1, 2018. The proceeds collected from the additional
60 fee imposed under this section shall be deposited into the
61 Mississippi Burn Care Fund created under Section 7-9-70.

62 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
63 contrary, beginning with any registration year commencing on or
64 after July 1, 2025, an additional fee of Two Dollars (\$2.00) is
65 imposed for any distinctive or special license tag or plate
66 authorized under this chapter regardless of whether such a
67 distinctive or special license tag or plate was authorized before
68 or after July 1, 2025. The proceeds collected from the additional
69 fee imposed under this subsection shall be deposited into the
70 Mississippi Indigent Burn Care Support Fund created under Section
71 1 of this act.

72 (* * *4) The fees imposed under this section shall be in
73 addition to any other fees imposed under this chapter for a
74 distinctive or special license tag or plate.



75 (* * *5) The provisions of this section shall not apply to
76 distinctive or special license tags or plates:

77 (a) Which are issued under Section 27-19-46, 27-19-51,
78 27-19-53, 27-19-54, 27-19-56.5, 27-19-56.12, 27-19-56.13,
79 27-19-56.33, 27-19-56.36, 27-19-56.38, 27-19-56.42, 27-19-56.48,
80 27-19-56.49, 27-19-56.50, 27-19-56.51, 27-19-56.62, 27-19-56.79,
81 27-19-56.85 or 27-19-169; or

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

83 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
84 and after July 1, 2025.

