

By: Representative Lamar

To: Ways and Means

## HOUSE BILL NO. 920

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.549, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
2 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE  
3 LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE  
4 CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF AMERICAN FREEDOM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
5 MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

18 (a) Mississippi Association of Nurse Practitioners;

19 (b) Navy Seabee Foundation;



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



(y) City of Olive Branch, Mississippi;  
(z) Methodist Cursillo of Mississippi;  
(aa) Clarkdale High School in Lauderdale County,  
Mississippi;  
(ab) Columbia Academy Cougars;  
(ac) Mississippi Hunting Dog Association;  
(ad) O'Keefe Educational Media DBA Disability  
Connection;  
(ae) New Orleans Pelicans;  
(af) Mississippi Economic Council;  
(ag) Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia;  
(ah) The Declaration of Independence Center for the  
Study of American Freedom at the University of Mississippi.

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

(3) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the department. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (4) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the department on a monthly basis as prescribed by the



70 department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax  
71 collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

72 (4) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under  
73 this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty  
74 Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for  
75 under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes  
76 and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time  
77 to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag  
78 year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the  
79 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under  
80 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal  
81 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license  
82 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license  
83 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

84 (5) The department shall deposit all fees into the State  
85 Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the  
86 department shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees  
87 collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive  
88 license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall  
89 distribute such collections as follows:

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



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

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

103                   (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
104 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall  
105 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
106 27-19-44.2.

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

115                   (7) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
116 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
117 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
118 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license



119 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
120 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
121 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
122 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be  
123 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular  
124 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

125       **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
126 and after July 1, 2025.

