To: Ways and Means

By: Representative Lamar

## HOUSE BILL NO. 920 (As Sent to Governor)

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.549, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF AMERICAN FREEDOM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF 5 MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF MISSISSIPPI LAND BANK; TO 7 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE LOUISIANA-MISSISSIPPI-WEST TENNESSEE DISTRICT 8 9 OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE 10 MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD 11 ASSOCIATION OF MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF 12 DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE SCHOOL OF LAW; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF MAGNOLIA 14 15 HONEYBEE EDUCATION EXCHANGE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF 16 DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE 17 COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION ENFORCEMENT DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI 18 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF 19 DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF PROMOTING 20 PEACE, ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE COOPERATION BETWEEN PROMOTE PEACE 21 FOUNDATION AND MISSISSIPPI ROTARY CLUBS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE 22 OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE 23 JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY 2024 HBCU NATIONAL CHAMPIONS; TO AMEND 24 SECTION 27-19-44, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE THE 25 DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAG AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED TO 26 SUPPORTERS OF MISSISSIPPI LAND BANK WITHIN THE DISTINCTIVE MOTOR 27 VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS THAT MAY BE ISSUED AFTER PROOF HAS BEEN 28 SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE THAT 100 OF THE TAGS WILL BE PURCHASED; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 29 30 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE 31 LICENSE TAGS DISPLAYING THE EMBLEM OF A PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE 32 OR JUNIOR COLLEGE IN THIS STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.246, 33 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF 34 DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE

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- CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR 36
- VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI SICKLE CELL 37
- FOUNDATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. 38
- 39 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- **SECTION 1.** Section 27-19-56.549, Mississippi Code of 1972, 40
- 41 is amended as follows:
- 42 27-19-56.549. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
- 43 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge
- 44 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
- 45 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
- 46 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
- 47 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (4) of this
- section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor 48
- 49 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
- supporter of any one (1) of the following: 50
- 51 (a) Mississippi Association of Nurse Practitioners;
- 52 (b) Navy Seabee Foundation;
- 53 Saint Stanislaus College in Bay Saint Louis, (C)
- 54 Mississippi;
- 55 Vancleave Live Oak Choctaw; (d)
- 56 Morton High School; (e)
- 57 (f)Forest Municipal School District;
- 58 Lake High School; (q)
- 59 (h) Scott Central Attendance Center;
- 60 Sebastopol Attendance Center; (i)
- 61 East Rankin Academy; (j)

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87	(af) Mississippi Economic Council;
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89	(ah) The Declaration of Independence Center for the
90	Study of American Freedom at the University of Mississippi;
91	(ai) Mississippi Land Bank;
92	(aj) Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District of
93	Kiwanis International;
94	(ak) National Guard Association of Mississippi;
95	(al) Mississippi College School of Law;
96	(am) Magnolia Honeybee Education Exchange.
97	(2) The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such
98	color and design as the department, with the advice of the
99	respective beneficiary organization listed in subsection (1) of
100	this section, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or
101	numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license
102	tag.
103	(3) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
104	by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
105	prescribed by the department. The application and the additional
106	fee imposed under subsection (4) of this section, less Two Dollars
107	(\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be
108	remitted to the department on a monthly basis as prescribed by the
109	department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax
110	collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

$\top$ $\top$ $\top$	(4) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under
112	this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty
113	Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for
114	under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes
115	and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time
116	to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag
117	year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the
118	original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
119	this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
120	registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license
121	tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
122	tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

- (5) The department shall deposit all fees into the State
  Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the
  department shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees
  collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive
  license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall
  distribute such collections as follows:
- (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the appropriate beneficiary organization listed in subsection (1) of this section.
- 133 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected 134 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall

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- 135 be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant
- 136 to Section 7-9-70.
- 137 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee 138 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this 139 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund 140 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
- 141 reconstruction of highways.
- (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
- 143 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
- 144 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
- 145 27-19-44.2.
- 146 (6) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
- 147 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
- 148 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
- 149 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
- 150 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
- 151 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
- 152 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
- 153 tag.
- 154 (7) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
- 155 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
- 156 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
- 157 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
- 158 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
- 159 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and

deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

164 SECTION 2. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a 165 retired member of the Commercial Transportation Enforcement 166 Division of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety and who is 167 a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge 168 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as 169 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup 170 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of 171 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this 172 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor 173 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a retired member of the Commercial Transportation Enforcement 174 175 Division of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety. 176 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the 177 178 Department of Public Safety, may prescribe and shall consist of 179 such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to 180 distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. An applicant for such a distinctive license tag shall present proof that he or she is a

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retired member of the Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety by presentation of a signed and notarized affidavit from the Commissioner of Public Safety. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2025, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

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- 210 the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each
- 211 month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State
- 212 Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the
- 213 issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this
- 214 section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as
- 215 follows:
- 216 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
- 217 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
- 218 section shall be deposited into the Law Enforcement Officers and
- 219 Fire Fighters Death Benefits Trust Fund established in Section
- 220 45-2-1.
- (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
- 222 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
- 223 be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant
- 224 to Section 7-9-70.
- 225 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
- 226 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
- 227 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
- 228 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
- 229 reconstruction of highways.
- 230 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
- 231 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
- 232 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
- 233 27-19-44.2.

- 234 A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under 235 236 The regular license tag must be surrendered to the this section. 237 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license 238 this section. 239 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, 240 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license 241 tag.
- 242 In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license 243 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and 244 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by 245 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license 246 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving 247 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee 248 249 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be 250 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular 251 distinctive license tags issued under this section.
  - resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor

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259 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a

260 supporter of Promoting Peace, accomplished through the cooperation

261 between Promote Peace Foundation and Mississippi Rotary clubs.

262 The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and

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

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284 time the original application is made for a distinctive license

285 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of

286 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive

287 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive

288 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax

289 collector.

290 (4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into

291 the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each

292 month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State

293 Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the

294 issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this

295 section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as

296 follows:

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297 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee

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section shall be distributed to Promote Peace Foundation to be

300 used to support peacebuilding and conflict resolution initiatives

301 within the State of Mississippi in cooperation with the

302 Mississippi Rotary organizations outreaching to their community

303 with projects related to promoting peace implemented by

304 Mississippi Rotary clubs.

305 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected

306 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall

307 be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant

308 to Section 7-9-70.

- 309 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee 310 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this 311 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund 312 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or 313 reconstruction of highways.
- 314 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected 315 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall 316 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 317 27-19-44.2.
- 318 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as 319 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under 320 The regular license tag must be surrendered to the this section. 321 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under 322 The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license this section. 323 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, 324 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license 325 tag.
- In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license 326 327 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and 328 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by 329 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving 330 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and 331 332 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be 333

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

336 SECTION 4. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a 337 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge 338 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as 339 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup 340 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of 341 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this 342 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor 343 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a 344 supporter of the Jackson State Tigers 2024 HBCU National 345 Champions. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of 346 such color and design as the department, with the advice of the 347 Jackson State University Development Foundation, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be 348 349 necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) 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 (3) 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 department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

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358	(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
359	after July 1, 2025, any person applying for a distinctive license
360	tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
361	of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
362	applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
363	other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
364	period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established
365	license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
366	time the original application is made for a distinctive license
367	tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
368	renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
369	license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
370	license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax

- (4) The department shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the department shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:
- 378 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee 379 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this 380 section shall be distributed to the Jackson State University 381 Development Foundation.

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- 382 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected 383 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall 384 be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant 385 to Section 7-9-70.
- 386 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee 387 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this 388 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund 389 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or 390 reconstruction of highways.
- 391 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected 392 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall 393 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 394 27-19-44.2.
  - (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.
- 403 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license 404 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and 405 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by 406 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license

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- tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving

  such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and

  deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee

  for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be

  distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular

  distinctive license tags issued under this section.
- SECTION 5. Section 27-19-44, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
- 415 27-19-44. (1) For any distinctive license tag or plate authorized by the Legislature from and after July 1, 2000, through 416 417 June 30, 2002, or authorized by Sections 27-19-56.37 and 418 27-19-56.55, the requirements of this subsection must be met 419 before the department may prepare or issue any such license tag or 420 The organization or other entity for which the Legislature 421 authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof 422 satisfactory to the department that at least one hundred (100) of 423 such license tags or plates will be purchased and must deposit 424 with the department an amount necessary to purchase one hundred 425 (100) of such license tags or plates. The organization or other 426 entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive 427 license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements of this subsection (1) within two (2) years after the effective date of 428 429 the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to permit 430 the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued.

432	section, for any distinctive license tag or plate authorized by
433	the Legislature from and after July 1, 2002, through June 30,
434	2007, the requirements of this subsection must be met before the
435	department may prepare or issue any such license tag or plate.
436	The organization or other entity for which the Legislature
437	authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof
438	satisfactory to the department that at least two hundred (200) of
439	such license tags or plates will be purchased and must deposit
440	with the department an amount necessary to purchase two hundred
441	(200) of such license tags or plates. The organization or other
442	entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive
443	license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements of this
444	subsection (2) within three (3) years after the effective date of
445	the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to permit

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

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454 (a) The organization or other entity for which the 455 Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must

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456 submit proof satisfactory to the department that at least three

457 hundred (300) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and

458 must deposit with the department an amount necessary to purchase

459 three hundred (300) of such license tags or plates.

460 (b) The organization or other entity for which the

461 Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must

462 satisfy the requirements of paragraph (a) of this subsection (3)

463 within three (3) years after the effective date of the law

464 authorizing the license tag or plate in order to permit the

465 license tag or plate to be prepared and issued. This paragraph

(b) shall not apply to distinctive tags or plates issued under

467 Section 27-19-56.154.

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468 (4) Any distinctive license tag authorized under Sections

469 27-19-56.186, 27-19-56.203 and 27-19-56.315 must meet the

470 requirements of this subsection before the department may prepare

471 or issue any such license tag or plate. The organization or other

472 entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive

473 license tag or plate must submit proof satisfactory to the

474 department that at least one hundred (100) of such license tags or

475 plates will be purchased and must deposit with the department an

476 amount necessary to purchase one hundred (100) of such license

477 tags or plates. The organization or other entity for which the

478 Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must

479 satisfy the requirements of this subsection (4) within three (3)

480 years after the effective date of the law authorizing the license

- tag or plate in order to permit the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued.
- 483 (5) The distinctive license tags authorized under Section
- 484 27-19-56.108 must meet the requirements of this subsection before
- 485 the department may prepare or issue any such license tag or plate.
- 486 The organization or other entity for which the Legislature
- 487 authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof
- 488 satisfactory to the department that at least two hundred (200) of
- 489 such license tags or plates will be purchased and must deposit
- 490 with the department an amount necessary to purchase two hundred
- 491 (200) of such license tags or plates.
- 492 (6) Any distinctive license tag authorized under Section
- 493 27-19-56.549(1)(1), (n) \* \* \*, (z) or (ai) must meet the
- 494 requirements of this subsection before the department may prepare
- 495 or issue any such license tag or plate. The organization or other
- 496 entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive
- 497 license tag or plate must submit proof satisfactory to the
- 498 department that at least one hundred (100) of such license tags or
- 499 plates will be purchased and must deposit with the department an
- 500 amount necessary to purchase one hundred (100) of such license
- 501 tags or plates. The organization or other entity for which the
- 502 Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must
- 503 satisfy the requirements of this subsection (4) within three (3)
- 504 years after the effective date of the law authorizing the license
- 505 tag or plate in order to permit the license tag or plate to be

506 prepared and issued. Until a total of three hundred (300) such 507 tags are sold, the department shall deposit the proceeds of the 508 additional fee into the License Tag Acquisition Fund created in 509 Section 27-19-179. After three hundred (300) tags are sold, the 510 proceeds of the additional fee shall be distributed as provided in 511 the section authorizing the issuance of the applicable special 512 The department may promulgate rules and regulations to administer this subsection. 513

- (7) If the organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate meets the requirements of subsection (1), (2), (3), (4) \* \* \*, (5) or (6) of this section, the department shall prepare and issue the distinctive license tag or plate.
- (8) The department shall review the number of distinctive or special license tags or plates issued pursuant to this chapter during the period for the license tag or plate series. If the number of any distinctive or special license tag or plate issued pursuant to this chapter falls below one hundred (100) in the last year of the license tag or plate series, the distinctive or special license tag or plate shall be discontinued at the end of the period for the license tag or plate series.
- (9) If a distinctive or special license tag or plate is
  discontinued under subsection (7) of this section, the
  organization or other entity for which the license tag or plate
  was discontinued may prepare a distinctive or special license tag

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- 531 or plate decal. The distinctive or special license tag or plate
- 532 decal shall be of such size, color and design as may be agreed
- 533 upon by the organization or other entity and the department.
- 534 However, the department shall have final approval of the size,
- 535 color and design of the decal. The distinctive or special license
- tag or plate decals shall be prepared and sold by the organization
- or other entity, and the proceeds derived from the sale of such
- 538 decals shall be retained by the organization or other entity for
- 539 any use deemed appropriate by the organization or other entity.
- 540 (10) The provisions of this section shall not apply to
- 541 distinctive or special license tags or plates:
- 542 (a) Which are issued under Section 27-19-45, 27-19-46,
- 543 27-19-47.1, 27-19-47.2, 27-19-48, 27-19-49, 27-19-53, 27-19-55,
- 544 27-19-56, 27-19-56.1, 27-19-56.2, 27-19-56.3, 27-19-56.5,
- 545 27-19-56.6, 27-19-56.9, 27-19-56.11, 27-19-56.12, 27-19-56.13,
- 546 27-19-56.40, 27-19-56.62, 27-19-56.69, 27-19-56.79, 27-19-56.90,
- 547 27-19-56.125, 27-19-56.127, 27-19-56.137, 27-19-56.140,
- 548 27-19-56.162, 27-19-56.187, 27-19-56.199, 27-19-56.205,
- 549 27-19-56.239, 27-19-56.292, 27-19-56.318, 27-19-56.379,
- 550 27-19-56.425, 27-19-56.466, 27-19-56.489, 27-19-56.522(1)(a),
- 551 27-19-56.524 or 27-19-56.557; or
- (b) For which no additional fee is required to be paid.
- 553 **SECTION 6.** Section 27-19-56.7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 554 amended as follows:

555 27-19-56.7. (1) Beginning with any registration year 556 commencing on or after July 1, 2008, owners of motor vehicles upon 557 complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and 558 licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the road and 559 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as 560 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup 561 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of 562 an additional annual fee in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), 563 shall be issued a special license tag which displays the emblem of the public junior college or community college of his choice 564 565 located in this state.

- 566 (2) Each junior college and community college shall design 567 the emblem which shall be displayed on the special license tag. 568 The emblem shall be affixed during the production of the license 569 tag.
- 570 Application for the special license tags shall be made 571 to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department 572 of Revenue. The application and the additional fee, less five 573 percent (5%) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be 574 remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as 575 prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee 576 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county 577 general fund.

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579	period.	The a	addition	al ar	nnual	fee	shall	be	due	and	paya	able	at	the
580	time of	renewa	al regis	trati	ion.									

- 581 (5) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into
  582 the State Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month,
  583 the Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees collected
  584 under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute
  585 such collections as follows:
- additional fee collected on special license tags shall be
  deposited in a special fund hereby created in the State Treasury
  to the credit of the public junior college or community college
  named on the special license tag. The funds shall be available
  for expenditure at the discretion of the public junior college or
  community college.
- 593 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected 594 on special license tags shall be deposited into the Mississippi 595 Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.
- 596 (c) The remainder of each such additional fee shall be
  597 deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended
  598 solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction
  599 of highways.
- 600 (6) In order for a license tag for a community or junior 601 college to be prepared and issued by the Department of Revenue,

- the provisions of Section 27-19-44(2) shall be satisfied prior to July 1,  $\star$  \* 2028.
- 604 **SECTION 7.** Section 27-19-56.246, Mississippi Code of 1972,
- 605 is amended as follows:
- 27-19-56.246. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
- 607 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge
- 608 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
- 609 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
- 610 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
- an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
- 612 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
- 613 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
- 614 supporter of Pascagoula High School. The distinctive license tags
- 615 so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of
- 616 Revenue, with the advice of the principal of Pascagoula High
- 617 School, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or
- 618 numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license
- 619 tag.
- 620 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
- 621 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
- 622 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the
- 623 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
- 624 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
- 625 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis
- 626 as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional

- fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.
- 629 Beginning with any registration year commencing on or 630 after July 1, \* \* \* 2025, any person applying for a distinctive 631 license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the 632 amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag 633 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all 634 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a 635 period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the 636 637 time the original application is made for a distinctive license 638 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of 639 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive 640 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive 641 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax 642 collector.
- (4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into
  the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each
  month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State
  Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the
  issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this
  section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as
  follows:
- 650 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee 651 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this

- 652 section shall be distributed to the Pascagoula Athletic
- 653 Foundation.
- (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
- on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
- 656 be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant
- 657 to Section 7-9-70.
- 658 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
- 659 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
- 660 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
- 661 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
- 662 reconstruction of highways.
- (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
- 664 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
- 665 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
- 666 27-19-44.2.
- (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
- 668 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
- 669 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
- 670 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
- 671 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
- 672 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
- 673 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
- 674 tag.
- 675 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license

676 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and

- affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.
- (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued

  under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be

  satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2028.
- **SECTION 8.** Section 27-19-56.431, Mississippi Code of 1972, 689 is amended as follows:
  - 27-19-56.431. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, \* \* \* 2025, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the Mississippi Sickle Cell Foundation. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the

- Mississippi Sickle Cell Foundation, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.
- 705 Application for the distinctive license tags authorized 706 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms 707 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the 708 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less 709 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, 710 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional 711 712 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the 713 county general fund.
- 714 Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under 715 this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty 716 Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for 717 under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes 718 and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag 719 720 year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the 721 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under 722 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal 723 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license 724 If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license 725 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

- 726 (4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into
- 727 the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each
- 728 month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State
- 729 Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the
- 730 issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this
- 731 section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as
- 732 follows:
- 733 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
- 734 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
- 735 section shall be distributed to the Mississippi Sickle Cell
- 736 Foundation.
- 737 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
- 738 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
- 739 be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant
- 740 to Section 7-9-70.
- 741 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
- 742 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
- 743 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
- 744 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
- 745 reconstruction of highways.
- 746 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
- 747 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
- 748 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
- 749 27-19-44.2.

- 750 A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under 751 752 The regular license tag must be surrendered to the this section. 753 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under 754 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license 755 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, 756 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license 757 tag.
- 758 In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license 759 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and 760 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by 761 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license 762 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving 763 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and 764 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be 765 766 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular 767 distinctive license tags issued under this section.
- 768 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued 769 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be 770 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, \* \* \* 771  $\underline{2028}$ .
- 772 **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 773 and after July 1, 2025.