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To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1364

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-44, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
 2 REVISE THE NUMBER OF THE DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS
 3 AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED TO SUPPORTERS OF JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA,
 4 INC., THAT MUST BE PURCHASED PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF THE TAGS; TO
 5 AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.554, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN
 6 CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-19-44, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
 9 amended as follows:

10 27-19-44. (1) For any distinctive license tag or plate
 11 authorized by the Legislature from and after July 1, 2000, through
 12 June 30, 2002, or authorized by Sections 27-19-56.37 and
 13 27-19-56.55, the requirements of this subsection must be met
 14 before the department may prepare or issue any such license tag or
 15 plate. The organization or other entity for which the Legislature
 16 authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof
 17 satisfactory to the department that at least one hundred (100) of
 18 such license tags or plates will be purchased and must deposit
 19 with the department an amount necessary to purchase one hundred
 20 (100) of such license tags or plates. The organization or other



21 entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive
22 license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements of this
23 subsection (1) within two (2) years after the effective date of
24 the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to permit
25 the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued.

26 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (1) of this
27 section, for any distinctive license tag or plate authorized by
28 the Legislature from and after July 1, 2002, through June 30,
29 2007, the requirements of this subsection must be met before the
30 department may prepare or issue any such license tag or plate.
31 The organization or other entity for which the Legislature
32 authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof
33 satisfactory to the department that at least two hundred (200) of
34 such license tags or plates will be purchased and must deposit
35 with the department an amount necessary to purchase two hundred
36 (200) of such license tags or plates. The organization or other
37 entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive
38 license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements of this
39 subsection (2) within three (3) years after the effective date of
40 the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to permit
41 the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued.

42 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, Section
43 27-19-56.7, Section 27-19-56.56, Section 27-19-56.59, Section
44 27-19-56.85 or Section 27-19-56.94, for any distinctive license
45 tag or plate authorized or reauthorized by the Legislature from



46 and after July 1, 2007, the following requirements must be met
47 before the department may prepare or issue any such license tag or
48 plate:

49 (a) The organization or other entity for which the
50 Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must
51 submit proof satisfactory to the department that at least three
52 hundred (300) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and
53 must deposit with the department an amount necessary to purchase
54 three hundred (300) of such license tags or plates.

55 (b) The organization or other entity for which the
56 Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must
57 satisfy the requirements of paragraph (a) of this subsection (3)
58 within three (3) years after the effective date of the law
59 authorizing the license tag or plate in order to permit the
60 license tag or plate to be prepared and issued. This paragraph
61 (b) shall not apply to distinctive tags or plates issued under
62 Section 27-19-56.154.

63 (4) Any distinctive license tag authorized under Sections
64 27-19-56.186, 27-19-56.203 and 27-19-56.315 must meet the
65 requirements of this subsection before the department may prepare
66 or issue any such license tag or plate. The organization or other
67 entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive
68 license tag or plate must submit proof satisfactory to the
69 department that at least one hundred (100) of such license tags or
70 plates will be purchased and must deposit with the department an



71 amount necessary to purchase one hundred (100) of such license
72 tags or plates. The organization or other entity for which the
73 Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must
74 satisfy the requirements of this subsection (4) within three (3)
75 years after the effective date of the law authorizing the license
76 tag or plate in order to permit the license tag or plate to be
77 prepared and issued.

78 (5) The distinctive license tags authorized under Section
79 27-19-56.108 must meet the requirements of this subsection before
80 the department may prepare or issue any such license tag or plate.
81 The organization or other entity for which the Legislature
82 authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof
83 satisfactory to the department that at least two hundred (200) of
84 such license tags or plates will be purchased and must deposit
85 with the department an amount necessary to purchase two hundred
86 (200) of such license tags or plates.

87 (6) Any distinctive license tag authorized under Section
88 27-19-56.549(1)(l), (n) or (z) must meet the requirements of this
89 subsection before the department may prepare or issue any such
90 license tag or plate. The organization or other entity for which
91 the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate
92 must submit proof satisfactory to the department that at least one
93 hundred (100) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and
94 must deposit with the department an amount necessary to purchase
95 one hundred (100) of such license tags or plates. The



96 organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized
97 the distinctive license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements
98 of this subsection (4) within three (3) years after the effective
99 date of the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to
100 permit the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued. Until
101 a total of three hundred (300) such tags are sold, the department
102 shall deposit the proceeds of the additional fee into the License
103 Tag Acquisition Fund created in Section 27-19-179. After three
104 hundred (300) tags are sold, the proceeds of the additional fee
105 shall be distributed as provided in the section authorizing the
106 issuance of the applicable special tag. The department may
107 promulgate rules and regulations to administer this subsection.

108 (7) The distinctive license tags authorized under Section
109 27-19-56.554 must meet the requirements of this subsection before
110 the department may prepare or issue any such license tag or plate.
111 The organization or other entity for which the Legislature
112 authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof
113 satisfactory to the department that at least one hundred fifty
114 (150) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and must
115 deposit with the department an amount necessary to purchase one
116 hundred fifty (150) of such license tags or plates.

117 (* * *8) If the organization or other entity for which the
118 Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate meets
119 the requirements of subsection (1), (2), (3), (4) or (5) of this



120 section, the department shall prepare and issue the distinctive
121 license tag or plate.

122 (* * * 9) The department shall review the number of
123 distinctive or special license tags or plates issued pursuant to
124 this chapter during the period for the license tag or plate
125 series. If the number of any distinctive or special license tag
126 or plate issued pursuant to this chapter falls below one hundred
127 (100) in the last year of the license tag or plate series, the
128 distinctive or special license tag or plate shall be discontinued
129 at the end of the period for the license tag or plate series.

130 (* * * 10) If a distinctive or special license tag or plate
131 is discontinued under subsection * * * (9) of this section, the
132 organization or other entity for which the license tag or plate
133 was discontinued may prepare a distinctive or special license tag
134 or plate decal. The distinctive or special license tag or plate
135 decal shall be of such size, color and design as may be agreed
136 upon by the organization or other entity and the department.
137 However, the department shall have final approval of the size,
138 color and design of the decal. The distinctive or special license
139 tag or plate decals shall be prepared and sold by the organization
140 or other entity, and the proceeds derived from the sale of such
141 decals shall be retained by the organization or other entity for
142 any use deemed appropriate by the organization or other entity.

143 (* * * 11) The provisions of this section shall not apply to
144 distinctive or special license tags or plates:



145 (a) Which are issued under Section 27-19-45, 27-19-46,
146 27-19-47.1, 27-19-47.2, 27-19-48, 27-19-49, 27-19-53, 27-19-55,
147 27-19-56, 27-19-56.1, 27-19-56.2, 27-19-56.3, 27-19-56.5,
148 27-19-56.6, 27-19-56.9, 27-19-56.11, 27-19-56.12, 27-19-56.13,
149 27-19-56.40, 27-19-56.62, 27-19-56.69, 27-19-56.79, 27-19-56.90,
150 27-19-56.125, 27-19-56.127, 27-19-56.137, 27-19-56.140,
151 27-19-56.162, 27-19-56.187, 27-19-56.199, 27-19-56.205,
152 27-19-56.239, 27-19-56.292, 27-19-56.318, 27-19-56.379,
153 27-19-56.425, 27-19-56.466, 27-19-56.489, 27-19-56.522(1)(a),
154 27-19-56.524 or 27-19-56.557; or

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

156 **SECTION 2.** Section 27-19-56.554, Mississippi Code of 1972,
157 is amended as follows:

158 27-19-56.554. (1) Beginning with any registration year
159 commencing on or after July 1, 2024, any owner of a motor vehicle
160 who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and
161 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
162 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
163 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
164 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
165 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
166 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
167 supporter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. The distinctive
168 license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the
169 department, with the advice of the Jackson, Mississippi, Chapter



170 of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., may prescribe and shall consist
171 of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to
172 distinguish each license tag.

173 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
174 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
175 prescribed by the department. The application and the additional
176 fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars
177 (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be
178 remitted to the department on a monthly basis as prescribed by the
179 department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax
180 collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

181 (3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under
182 this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty
183 Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for
184 under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes
185 and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time
186 to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag
187 year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the
188 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
189 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
190 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license
191 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
192 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

193 (4) The department shall deposit all fees into the State
194 Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the



195 department shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees
196 collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive
197 license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall
198 distribute such collections as follows:

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

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

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

212 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
213 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
214 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
215 27-19-44.2.

216 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
217 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
218 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
219 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under



220 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
221 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
222 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
223 tag.

224 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
225 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
226 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
227 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
228 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
229 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
230 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
231 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
232 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
233 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

234 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued
235 under this section, the provisions of * * * Section 27-19-44(7)
236 must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July
237 1, * * * 2028.

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

