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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2083
(As Passed the Senate)

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 MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE SCHOOL OF
4 LAW; TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH
5 LICENSE TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ADDITIONAL
6 FEE COLLECTED FROM THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS; AND FOR
7 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

20 (a) Mississippi Association of Nurse Practitioners;



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



(x) Electra Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star,
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) Mississippi College School of Law.

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

(4) 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.

(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.



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

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

104 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
105 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
106 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
107 27-19-44.2.

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

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



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

126 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
127 and after July 1, 2025, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2025.

