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To: Finance

## SENATE BILL NO. 2322

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
2 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SPECKLED TROUT SHALL BE ONE OF THE  
3 EMBLEMS OFFERED ON THE SPECIAL LICENSE TAG FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
4 WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 27-19-56.10, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 27-19-56.10. (1) Owners of motor vehicles upon complying  
9 with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing  
10 of motor vehicles, and 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 annual fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00),  
15 shall be issued a special license tag which displays an emblem  
16 designed by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

17 (2) The Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall  
18 design emblems which shall be displayed on the special license  
19 tag. The speckled trout shall be one of the emblems. The emblem  
20 shall be affixed during the production of the license tag.

21 (3) Application for the special license tags shall be made  
22 to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the State Tax  
23 Commission. The application and the additional fee, less five  
24 percent (5%) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be  
25 remitted to the State Tax Commission within seven (7) days of the  
26 date the application is made. The portion of the additional fee  
27 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county

28 general fund.

29 (4) The special license tag shall be issued for a one-year  
30 period. The additional annual fee shall be due and payable at the  
31 time of renewal registration.

32 (5) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the  
33 State Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month, the  
34 State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected under  
35 this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such  
36 collections as follows:

37 (a) Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of each additional fee  
38 collected on special license tags issued pursuant to this section  
39 shall be deposited into the Wildlife Heritage Fund created  
40 pursuant to Section 49-5-77.

41 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
42 on special license tags shall be deposited into the Mississippi  
43 Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn Center Fund created pursuant to  
44 Section 7-9-70.

45 (c) The remainder of each such additional fee shall be  
46 deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended  
47 solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction  
48 of highways.

49 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
50 and after July 1, 1999.