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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2081
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE
2 LICENSE PLATES OR TAGS TO OWNERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES WHO HAVE
3 OBTAINED THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA OR
4 WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE HIGHEST RANKING RECOGNIZED BY THE GIRL
5 SCOUTS OF AMERICA; TO PRESCRIBE THE FORM OF SUCH TAGS OR PLATES;
6 TO ESTABLISH THE FEE FOR SUCH TAGS OR PLATES; AND FOR RELATED
7 PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. (1) The owner of a motor vehicle who has
10 achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America or
11 who has received the Gold Award which is the highest ranking in
12 Girl Scouting as recognized by the Girl Scouts of America, upon
13 complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and
14 licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the road and
15 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
16 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
17 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
18 an additional annual fee in the amount of Fifteen Dollars
19 (\$15.00), shall be privileged to obtain one (1) distinctive motor
20 vehicle license plate or tag identifying him as an Eagle Scout or
21 a recipient of the Gold Award.

22 (2) The distinctive Eagle Scout plates or tags shall be of a
23 color and design designated by the State Tax Commission; provided,
24 however, that the Eagle Scout emblem shall be displayed on the tag
25 or plate. The emblem shall be affixed during the production of
26 the license plate or tag. The distinctive Gold Award plates or
27 tags shall be of a color or design as designated by the State Tax
28 Commission.

29 (3) Application for the special license tags or plates shall
30 be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the
31 State Tax Commission. An applicant for such distinctive plates or
32 tags shall present to the county such written evidence of the
33 applicant's rank of Eagle Scout or such applicant's receipt of the
34 Girl Scout's Gold Award as may be considered satisfactory by the
35 State Tax Commission. The application and the additional fee,
36 less five percent (5%) thereof to be retained by the tax
37 collector, shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a
38 monthly basis as prescribed by the commission and shall be
39 deposited to the credit of the State General Fund. The portion of
40 the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be
41 deposited into the county general fund.

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

45 (5) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
46 State Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month, the
47 State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected under
48 this section to the State Treasurer.

49 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
50 and after July 1, 2000.