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To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 488
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS
2 TO MEMBERS OF LIONS OF MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF
3 DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSISSIPPI VETERANS
4 MONUMENT; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS IN
5 SUPPORT OF MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC EDUCATION; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE
6 OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS TO ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED
7 STATES ARMED SERVICES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE
8 LICENSE TAGS FOR DULY ELECTED CONSTABLES; TO AUTHORIZE THE
9 ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS FOR MEMBERS OF THE
10 MISSISSIPPI STATE GUARD; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE
11 LICENSE TAGS IN SUPPORT OF THE INSTITUTE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES,
12 INCORPORATED; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE
13 TAGS TO MEMBERS OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE
14 OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS TO MEMBERS OF SOCIETIES SUCH AS
15 ACADEMIC, PROFESSIONAL, HONORARY, MASONIC, OR SO-CALLED GREEK
16 LETTER FRATERNITIES OR SORORITIES, OR SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS THAT
17 ARE IN GOOD STANDING AT ANY OF THE EIGHT STATE INSTITUTIONS OF
18 HIGHER LEARNING; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE
19 TAGS TO GRADUATES OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY AND STUDENTS
20 ENROLLED AT THE ACADEMY; TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE
21 DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS AUTHORIZED IN THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE FOR
22 THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH ADDITIONAL FEES; AND FOR RELATED
23 PURPOSES.

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

25 SECTION 1. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a member
26 of Lions of Mississippi, upon payment of the road and bridge
27 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
28 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
29 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
30 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
31 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
32 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a member
33 of Lions of Mississippi. The distinctive license tags so issued
34 shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission,
35 with the advice of Lions of Mississippi, may prescribe and shall

36 consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary
37 to distinguish each license tag.

38 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
39 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
40 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
41 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
42 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
43 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis
44 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional
45 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
46 county general fund.

47 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
48 after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license
49 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
50 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
51 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
52 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
53 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
54 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
55 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
56 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
57 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
58 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
59 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
60 collector.

61 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
62 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
63 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the
64 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
65 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
66 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

67 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee
68 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this

69 section shall be distributed to Lions Sight Foundation of
70 Mississippi, Inc.

71 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
72 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
73 be deposited into the Mississippi Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn
74 Center Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

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

80 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
81 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
82 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
83 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
84 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
85 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
86 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
87 tag.

88 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
89 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
90 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
91 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
92 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
93 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
94 deposit in the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
95 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
96 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
97 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

98 SECTION 2. (1) Any owners of a motor vehicle who is a
99 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws
100 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon
101 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes

102 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of
103 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,
104 and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in
105 subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive
106 license tag in recognition of his support for the Mississippi
107 Veterans Monument. The distinctive license tags so issued shall
108 be of such color and design as may be determined finally by the
109 State Tax Commission based upon three (3) recommendations
110 presented to the State Tax Commission by the Mississippi Veterans
111 Monument Commission, and ranked in order of preference by the
112 Mississippi Veterans Monument Commission.

113 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
114 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
115 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
116 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
117 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector as
118 a processing fee, shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on
119 a monthly basis as prescribed by the commission. The portion of
120 the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be
121 deposited into the county general fund. Distinctive license tags
122 issued under this section shall be issued within forty-five (45)
123 days after application is made.

124 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
125 after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license
126 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
127 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
128 applied for under this section which shall be in addition to all
129 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
130 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
131 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
132 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
133 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
134 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive

135 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
136 license tag, or if the owner sells or transfers the vehicle he,
137 may surrender the license tag to the local county tax collector
138 and receive a certificate of credit toward the purchase of a tag
139 on another vehicle as otherwise provided by law. Distinctive
140 license tags issued under this section may be transferred by the
141 owner to any other vehicle owned by him upon payment of the
142 regular taxes and fees for a license tag for that vehicle.

143 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
144 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
145 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the
146 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of
147 distinctive license tags under this section. The State Treasurer
148 shall distribute such collections as follows:

149 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee
150 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
151 section shall be deposited into the special fund created in
152 subsection (7) of this section.

153 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
154 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
155 be deposited into the Mississippi Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn
156 Center Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

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

162 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
163 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
164 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
165 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
166 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
167 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,

168 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
169 tag.

170 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
171 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
172 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
173 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
174 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
175 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
176 deposit in the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
177 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
178 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
179 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

180 (7) There is established in the State Treasury a special
181 fund which shall consist of monies required to be deposited
182 therein under subsection (4) of this section. Monies in the
183 special fund, upon Legislative appropriation, may be expended by
184 the Mississippi Veterans Monument Commission for the purpose of
185 performing any of the duties of the commission under Chapter 15 of
186 Title 55, Mississippi Code of 1972. Unexpended amounts remaining
187 in the special fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse
188 into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment
189 earnings on amounts in the special fund shall be deposited to the
190 credit of the special fund.

191 SECTION 3. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
192 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge
193 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
194 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
195 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
196 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
197 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor
198 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
199 supporter of Mississippi public education. The distinctive
200 license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the

201 State Tax Commission, with the advice of the State Board of
202 Education, may prescribe, and shall consist of such letters or
203 numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license
204 tag.

205 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
206 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
207 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
208 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
209 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
210 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis
211 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional
212 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
213 county general fund.

214 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
215 after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license
216 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
217 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
218 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
219 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
220 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
221 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
222 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
223 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
224 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
225 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
226 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
227 collector.

228 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
229 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
230 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the
231 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
232 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
233 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

234 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee
235 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
236 section shall be deposited into the Public Education Support Fund
237 created under Section 4 of House Bill No. 488, 2001 Regular
238 Session.

239 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
240 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
241 be deposited into the Mississippi Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn
242 Center Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

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

248 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
249 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
250 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
251 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
252 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
253 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
254 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
255 tag.

256 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
257 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
258 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
259 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
260 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
261 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
262 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
263 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
264 distributed proportionately in the same manner as funds from the
265 sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this
266 section.

267 SECTION 4. (1) There is established in the State Treasury a
268 fund known as the "Mississippi Public Education Support Fund"
269 (hereinafter referred to as "fund"). The fund shall consist of
270 monies required to be deposited therein under Section 3 of House
271 Bill No. 488, 2001, Regular Session, and such other monies as the
272 Legislature may authorize or direct to be deposited into the fund.
273 Monies in the fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, may be
274 expended by the Mississippi Department of Education to develop,
275 implement and administer reading, character education and drop-out
276 prevention programs. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at
277 the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General
278 Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in
279 the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

280 SECTION 5. (1) In recognition of the patriotic services
281 rendered the United States, Mississippi and the citizens thereof,
282 any resident of the state who is on active duty with the Armed
283 Forces of the United States, upon payment of the road and bridge
284 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
285 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
286 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
287 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
288 section, shall be issued a distinctive motor vehicle license plate
289 or tag identifying him as an active duty member of the United
290 States Armed Forces. The distinctive license tags so issued shall
291 be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission may
292 prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both,
293 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

294 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
295 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
296 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. Applicants for the
297 distinctive license tag shall present proof of their active duty
298 membership in the United States Armed Services to the county tax
299 collector. The application and the additional fee imposed under

300 subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be
301 retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the State Tax
302 Commission on a monthly basis as prescribed by the commission.
303 The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector
304 shall be deposited into the county general fund.

305 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
306 after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license
307 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
308 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
309 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
310 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
311 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
312 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
313 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
314 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
315 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
316 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
317 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
318 collector.

319 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
320 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
321 the State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected
322 under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute
323 such collections as follows:

324 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee
325 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
326 section shall be deposited into a special fund that is created in
327 the State Treasury. Monies in the fund may be expended by the
328 Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board for the maintenance,
329 operation and administration of state veterans homes.

330 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
331 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall

332 be deposited into the Mississippi Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn
333 Center Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

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

339 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
340 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
341 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
342 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
343 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
344 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
345 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
346 tag.

347 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
348 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
349 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
350 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
351 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
352 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
353 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
354 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
355 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
356 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

357 SECTION 6. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a duly
358 elected constable, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege
359 taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law
360 for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other
361 noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional
362 fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section,
363 shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle
364 registered in his name identifying the person as a constable. The

365 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and
366 design as the State Tax Commission may prescribe and shall consist
367 of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to
368 distinguish each license tag.

369 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
370 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
371 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
372 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
373 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
374 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis
375 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional
376 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
377 county general fund.

378 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
379 after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license
380 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
381 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
382 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
383 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
384 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
385 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
386 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
387 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
388 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
389 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
390 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
391 collector.

392 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
393 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
394 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the
395 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
396 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
397 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

398 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee
399 collected on distinctive license tags issued under this section
400 shall be deposited into the State General Fund.

401 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
402 on distinctive license tags issued under this section shall be
403 deposited into the Mississippi Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn Center
404 Fund created under Section 7-9-70.

405 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
406 collected on distinctive license tags issued under this section
407 shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be
408 expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
409 reconstruction of highways.

410 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
411 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
412 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
413 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
414 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
415 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
416 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
417 tag.

418 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
419 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
420 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
421 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
422 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
423 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
424 deposit in the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
425 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
426 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
427 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

428 SECTION 7. (1) In recognition of their patriotic services
429 rendered the state and the citizens thereof, any owner of a motor
430 vehicle who is a member of the Mississippi State Guard established

431 under Section 33-5-51, upon application and payment of the road
432 and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees
433 as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
434 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
435 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
436 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
437 vehicle registered in his name identifying the person as a member
438 of the Mississippi State Guard. The distinctive license tags so
439 issued shall be of such color and design as the State Tax
440 Commission, with the advice of the Mississippi State Guard, may
441 prescribe, shall bear the words "Mississippi State Guard," and
442 shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be
443 necessary to distinguish each license tag.

444 (2) The distinctive license tags authorized in this section
445 shall be prepared by the State Tax Commission and shall be issued
446 through the tax collectors of the several counties of the state in
447 the same manner as are other motor vehicle license tags, and the
448 tax collectors shall be entitled to their regular fees for their
449 services. Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
450 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
451 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. Applicants for the
452 distinctive license tags shall present to the tax collector proof
453 of their membership in the Mississippi State Guard by means of a
454 certificate signed by the commanding officer of the applicant on
455 forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and
456 the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section,
457 less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax
458 collector, shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a
459 monthly basis as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the
460 additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited
461 into the county general fund.

462 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
463 after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license

464 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
465 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
466 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
467 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
468 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
469 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
470 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
471 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
472 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
473 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
474 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
475 collector.

476 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
477 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
478 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the
479 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
480 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
481 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

482 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee
483 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
484 section shall be deposited into the State General Fund.

485 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
486 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
487 be deposited into the Mississippi Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn
488 Center Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

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

494 (5) The distinctive license tags shall be used only upon and
495 for personally or jointly owned private passenger vehicles
496 (including station wagons, recreational motor vehicles and pickup

497 trucks) registered in the name, or jointly in the name, of the
498 member making application therefor, and when so issued to the
499 applicant, shall be used upon the vehicle for which issued in lieu
500 of the standard license tag normally issued for the vehicle.

501 (6) The distinctive license tags issued under this section
502 shall not be transferable between motor vehicle owners. If the
503 owner of a vehicle bearing a distinctive license tag sells,
504 trades, exchanges or otherwise disposes of the vehicle, the tag
505 shall be retained by the owner to whom issued and returned by the
506 owner to the tax collector of the county.

507 (7) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
508 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
509 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
510 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
511 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
512 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
513 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
514 tag.

515 (8) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
516 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
517 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
518 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
519 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
520 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
521 deposit in the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
522 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
523 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
524 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

525 SECTION 8. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
526 supporter of community social services programs sponsored by the
527 Institute of Community Services, Incorporated, upon payment of the
528 road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration
529 fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers,

530 pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon
531 payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection
532 (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for
533 any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person
534 as a supporter of the Institute of Community Services,
535 Incorporated. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of
536 such color and design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice
537 of the Institute of Community Services, Incorporated, may
538 prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both,
539 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

540 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
541 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
542 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
543 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
544 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
545 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis
546 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional
547 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
548 county general fund.

549 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
550 after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license
551 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
552 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
553 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
554 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
555 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
556 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
557 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
558 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
559 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
560 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
561 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
562 collector.

563 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
564 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
565 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the
566 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
567 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
568 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

569 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee
570 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
571 section shall be distributed to the Institute of Community
572 Services, Incorporated.

573 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
574 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
575 be deposited into the Mississippi Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn
576 Center Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

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

582 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
583 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
584 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
585 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
586 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
587 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
588 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
589 tag.

590 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
591 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
592 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
593 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
594 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
595 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and

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

600 SECTION 9. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a member
601 of Knights of Columbus, upon payment of the road and bridge
602 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
603 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
604 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
605 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
606 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
607 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a member
608 of Knights of Columbus. The distinctive license tags so issued
609 shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission,
610 with the advice of Knights of Columbus, may prescribe and shall
611 consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary
612 to distinguish each license tag.

613 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
614 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
615 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
616 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
617 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
618 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis
619 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional
620 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
621 county general fund.

622 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
623 after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license
624 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
625 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
626 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
627 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
628 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established

629 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
630 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
631 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
632 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
633 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
634 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
635 collector.

636 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
637 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
638 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the
639 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
640 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
641 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

642 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee
643 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
644 section shall be distributed to Knights of Columbus of
645 Mississippi.

646 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
647 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
648 be deposited into the Mississippi Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn
649 Center Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

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

655 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
656 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
657 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
658 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
659 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
660 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,

661 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
662 tag.

663 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
664 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
665 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
666 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
667 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
668 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
669 deposit in the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
670 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
671 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
672 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

673 SECTION 10. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
674 member of any society such as academic, professional, honorary,
675 Masonic, or so-called Greek letter fraternities or sororities, or
676 similar organization whether of a local or connectional character
677 that is established under Section 37-111-1 et seq., upon payment
678 of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and
679 registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of
680 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,
681 and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in
682 subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive
683 license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name
684 identifying such person as a member of such a society or
685 organization. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of
686 such color and design as the State Tax Commission may prescribe
687 and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be
688 necessary to distinguish each license tag.

689 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
690 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
691 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
692 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
693 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,

694 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis
695 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional
696 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
697 county general fund.

698 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
699 after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license
700 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
701 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
702 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
703 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
704 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
705 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
706 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
707 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
708 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
709 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
710 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
711 collector.

712 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
713 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
714 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the
715 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
716 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
717 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

718 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee
719 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
720 section shall be deposited into the State General Fund.

721 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
722 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
723 be deposited into the Mississippi Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn
724 Center Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

725 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
726 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this

727 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
728 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
729 reconstruction of highways.

730 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
731 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
732 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
733 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
734 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
735 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
736 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
737 tag.

738 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
739 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
740 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
741 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
742 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
743 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
744 deposit in the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
745 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
746 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
747 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

748 SECTION 11. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
749 graduate of the United States Naval Academy or a student enrolled
750 at the United States Naval Academy, upon complying with the motor
751 vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor
752 vehicles, and upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes,
753 ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for
754 private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other
755 noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional
756 fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section,
757 shall be issued a distinctive license tag which displays the
758 emblem of the United States Naval Academy. The distinctive
759 license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the

760 State Tax Commission may prescribe and shall consist of such
761 letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish
762 each license tag.

763 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
764 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
765 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
766 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
767 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
768 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis
769 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional
770 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
771 county general fund.

772 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
773 after July 1, 2001, any person applying for a distinctive license
774 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
775 of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each distinctive license tag applied
776 for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other
777 taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of
778 time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established license tag
779 year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the
780 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
781 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
782 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license
783 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
784 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

785 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
786 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
787 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the
788 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
789 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
790 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

791 (a) Thirty-two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$32.50) of each
792 additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued

793 pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the State General
794 Fund.

795 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
796 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
797 be deposited into the Mississippi Fire Fighter's Memorial Burn
798 Center Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

799 (c) Fourteen Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$14.50) of each
800 additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued
801 pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the
802 State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair,
803 maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

804 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
805 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
806 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
807 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
808 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
809 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
810 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
811 tag.

812 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
813 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
814 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
815 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
816 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
817 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
818 deposit in the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
819 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
820 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
821 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

822 SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from
823 and after July 1, 2001.