

By: Senator(s) Hyde-Smith, Johnson (19th)

To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2593

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR
2 VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS FOR SUPPORTERS OF THE 4-H CLUB; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
6 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge
7 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
8 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
9 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
10 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
11 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor
12 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
13 supporter of the 4-H Club. The distinctive license tags so issued
14 shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission,
15 with the advice of the Mississippi 4-H Club Foundation, Inc., may
16 prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both,
17 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

18 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
19 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
20 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
21 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
22 Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be
23 remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as
24 prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional fee
25 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
26 general fund.



27 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
28 after July 1, 2002, any person applying for a distinctive license
29 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
30 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
31 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
32 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
33 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
34 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
35 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
36 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
37 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
38 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
39 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
40 collector.

41 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the
42 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
43 the State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected
44 under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute
45 such collections as follows:

46 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee
47 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
48 section shall be distributed to the Mississippi 4-H Club
49 Foundation, Inc.

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

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



59 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
60 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
61 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
62 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
63 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
64 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
65 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
66 tag.

67 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
68 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
69 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
70 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
71 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
72 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
73 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
74 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
75 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
76 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

77 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
78 and after July 1, 2002.

