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To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1390

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A DISTINCTIVE LICENSE PLATE OR TAG FOR
2 YOUTH FOR CHRIST, INC.; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

26 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
27 after July 1, 2003, any person applying for a distinctive license



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

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

45 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
46 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
47 section shall be distributed to Youth for Christ, Inc.

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

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

57 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
58 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
59 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
60 27-19-44.2.



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

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

79 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this section shall be codified as a
80 separate code section within Article 1, Chapter 19, Title 27,
81 Mississippi Code of 1972.

82 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
83 and after July 1, 2003.

