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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2413

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE
3 LICENSE TAG FOR SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE
4 RESOURCES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-19-56.27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 27-19-56.27. (1) Beginning with any registration year
9 commencing on or after July 1, 2005, owners of motor vehicles upon
10 complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and
11 licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the road and
12 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
13 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
14 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
15 an additional annual fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00),
16 shall be issued a special license tag which displays an emblem
17 designed by the Department of Marine Resources.

18 (2) The distinctive license tag shall be of such color and
19 design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of the
20 Department of Marine Resources, may prescribe and shall consist of
21 such letters or numbers or both as may be necessary to distinguish
22 each license tag.

23 (3) Application for the special license tags shall be made
24 to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the State Tax
25 Commission. The application and the additional fee, less five
26 percent (5%) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be
27 remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as
28 prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional fee

29 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
30 general fund.

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

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

39 (a) Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of each additional fee
40 collected on special license tags issued pursuant to this section
41 shall be deposited into the Artificial Reef Program Account in the
42 Seafood Fund created pursuant to Section 49-15-17.

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

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

51 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
52 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
53 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
54 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
55 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
56 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
57 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
58 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
59 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
60 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

61 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued
62 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(2) must be
63 satisfied prior to July 1, 2008.

64 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
65 and after July 1, 2005.