

## House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2647

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

### AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

39        SECTION 1. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a  
40 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws  
41 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon  
42 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes  
43 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of  
44 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,  
45 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount  
46 provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a  
47 special license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name  
48 identifying such person as a supporter of the Homebuilders  
49 Association of Mississippi. The distinctive license tags so  
50 issued shall be of such color and design as the State Tax  
51 Commission, with the advice of the Chief Executive Officer of the  
52 Homebuilders Association of Mississippi, may prescribe, and shall  
53 consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary  
54 to distinguish each license tag.

55        (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
56 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
57 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the  
58 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
59 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
60 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis  
61 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional  
62 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the  
63 county general fund.

64           (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or  
65 after July 1, 2005, any person applying for a distinctive license  
66 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount  
67 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag  
68 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all  
69 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a  
70 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established  
71 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the  
72 time the original application is made for a distinctive license  
73 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of  
74 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive  
75 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive  
76 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax  
77 collector.

78           (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the  
79 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
80 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the  
81 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the  
82 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
83 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

84                   (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee  
85 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
86 section shall be disbursed to the Mississippi Housing Institute.

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

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

96                   (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
97 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall

98 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
99 27-19-44.2.

100 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as  
101 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under  
102 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the  
103 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under  
104 this section. The tax collector shall issue month and year decals  
105 for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which  
106 will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

107 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
108 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
109 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
110 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
111 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
112 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
113 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
114 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be  
115 distributed proportionately in the same manner as funds from the  
116 sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this  
117 section.

118 **SECTION 2.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a  
119 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws  
120 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon  
121 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes  
122 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of  
123 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,  
124 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount  
125 provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a  
126 special license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name  
127 identifying such person as a supporter of the Department of Marine  
128 Resources. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of  
129 such color and design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice  
130 of the Department of Marine Resources, may prescribe, and shall  
131 consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary  
132 to distinguish each license tag.

133           (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
134 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
135 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the  
136 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
137 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
138 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis  
139 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional  
140 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the  
141 county general fund.

142           (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or  
143 after July 1, 2005, any person applying for a distinctive license  
144 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount  
145 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag  
146 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all  
147 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a  
148 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established  
149 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the  
150 time the original application is made for a distinctive license  
151 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of  
152 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive  
153 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive  
154 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax  
155 collector.

156           (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the  
157 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
158 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the  
159 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the  
160 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
161 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

162                 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee  
163 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
164 section shall be disbursed to Artificial Reef Program Account in  
165 the Seafood Fund created pursuant to Section 49-15-17.

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

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

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

175 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
176 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall  
177 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
178 27-19-44.2.

179 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as  
180 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under  
181 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the  
182 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under  
183 this section. The tax collector shall issue month and year decals  
184 for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which  
185 will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

186 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
187 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
188 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
189 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
190 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
191 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
192 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
193 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be  
194 distributed proportionately in the same manner as funds from the  
195 sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this  
196 section.

197 **SECTION 3.** Section 49-15-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
198 amended as follows:

199 49-15-17. (1) (a) All monies received or obtained by the  
200 commission under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid over  
201 by the commission to the State Treasurer and shall be deposited  
202 into the fund known as the "Seafood Fund." All revenues collected

203 through the department, to include, but not limited to, commercial  
204 saltwater licenses and taxes, permits, fines and penalties, and  
205 confiscated catches, shall be deposited into the department  
206 operating account (Seafood Fund) and expended for the operation of  
207 the department, as authorized by the Legislature.

208 (b) There is established a special account to be known  
209 as the "Artificial Reef Program Account" within the Seafood Fund.  
210 Any funds received from any public or private source for the  
211 purpose of promoting, constructing, monitoring or maintaining  
212 artificial reefs in the marine waters of the state or in federal  
213 waters adjacent to the marine waters of the state and monies  
214 required to be disbursed to the account pursuant to Section 2 of  
215 Senate Bill No. 2647, 2005 Regular Session, shall be credited to  
216 the account. Any unexpended funds remaining in the account at the  
217 end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the Seafood Fund, but  
218 shall remain in the account. The department may expend any funds  
219 in the account, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, to  
220 accomplish the purpose of the account.

221 (c) There is established a special account to be known  
222 as the "Coastal Preserve Account" within the Seafood Fund. Any  
223 funds received from any public or private source for the purpose  
224 of management, improvement and acquisition of coastal preserves in  
225 the state and money required to be deposited pursuant to Sections  
226 27-19-56.10 and 27-19-56.27, shall be credited to the account.  
227 Any unexpended funds remaining in the account at the end of the  
228 fiscal year shall not lapse into the Seafood Fund, but shall  
229 remain in the account. The department may expend any funds in the  
230 account, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, for the  
231 management, improvement and acquisition of coastal preserves.

232 (2) The fund shall be treated as a special trust fund and  
233 interest earned on the principal shall be credited to the fund.

234 (3) The secretary of the commission shall keep accurate  
235 reports of monies handled as a part of the permanent records of  
236 the commission, and the State Treasurer shall furnish the  
237 secretary of the commission such forms as may be needed, and the

238 secretary shall account for such forms in his reports to the  
239 Treasurer.

240         SECTION 4. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a  
241 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws  
242 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon  
243 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes  
244 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of  
245 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,  
246 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount  
247 provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a  
248 special license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name  
249 identifying such person as a supporter of the Democratic Party of  
250 the State of Mississippi. The distinctive license tags so issued  
251 shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission,  
252 with the advice of the Chairman of the Democratic Party of the  
253 State of Mississippi, may prescribe, and shall consist of such  
254 letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish  
255 each license tag.

256         (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
257 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
258 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the  
259 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
260 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
261 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis  
262 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional  
263 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the  
264 county general fund.

265         (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or  
266 after July 1, 2005, any person applying for a distinctive license  
267 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount  
268 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag  
269 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all  
270 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a  
271 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established  
272 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the

273 time the original application is made for a distinctive license  
274 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of  
275 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive  
276 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive  
277 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax  
278 collector.

279 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the  
280 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
281 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the  
282 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the  
283 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
284 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

285 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee  
286 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
287 section shall be disbursed to the Executive Committee of the  
288 Democratic Party of the State of Mississippi.

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

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

298 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
299 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall  
300 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
301 27-19-44.2.

302 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as  
303 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under  
304 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the  
305 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under  
306 this section. The tax collector shall issue month and year decals



307 for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which  
308 will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

309 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
310 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
311 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
312 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
313 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
314 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
315 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
316 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be  
317 distributed proportionately in the same manner as funds from the  
318 sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this  
319 section.

320 **SECTION 5.** Section 27-19-56.14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
321 amended as follows:

322 27-19-56.14. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this  
323 section, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a member of the Grand  
324 Lodge of Mississippi, Free and Accepted Masons, his wife, widow,  
325 unmarried daughter or unmarried sister, upon complying with the  
326 motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor  
327 vehicles, and upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes,  
328 ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for  
329 private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other  
330 noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional  
331 annual fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00), shall be  
332 entitled to a special license tag which displays the Freemason  
333 emblem and displays the words "Grand Lodge of Mississippi." From  
334 and after July 1, 2005, only persons who are members of the Grand  
335 Lodge of Mississippi, Free and Accepted Masons, may apply for and  
336 receive a distinctive license tag authorized under this section.

337 (2) The tags shall be of such color and design as the State  
338 Tax Commission shall prescribe subject to the approval of the  
339 Mississippi License Tag Commission.

340 (3) Application for the special license tags shall be made  
341 to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the State Tax

342 Commission. Applicants for such distinctive license tags shall  
343 present to the issuing official documentation from the Grand Lodge  
344 of Mississippi as prescribed by the State Tax Commission showing  
345 their membership \* \* \* in the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. The  
346 application and the additional fee, less five percent (5%) thereof  
347 to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the  
348 State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as prescribed by the  
349 commission. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax  
350 collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

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

354 (5) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the  
355 State Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month, the  
356 State Tax Commission shall certify the total fees collected under  
357 this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such  
358 collections as follows:

359 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of each additional fee  
360 collected on special license tags shall be deposited in a special  
361 fund hereby created in the State Treasury to the credit of the  
362 Grand Lodge of Mississippi. The funds shall be available for  
363 expenditure at the discretion of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

364 (b) The remainder of each such additional fee shall be  
365 deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended  
366 solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction  
367 of highways.

368 **SECTION 6.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a  
369 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws  
370 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon  
371 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes  
372 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of  
373 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,  
374 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount  
375 provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a  
376 special license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name

377 identifying such person as a supporter of Mississippi Families for  
378 Kids. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such  
379 color and design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of  
380 Mississippi Families for Kids, may prescribe, and shall consist of  
381 such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to  
382 distinguish each license tag.

383 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
384 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
385 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the  
386 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
387 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
388 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis  
389 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional  
390 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the  
391 county general fund.

392 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or  
393 after July 1, 2005, any person applying for a distinctive license  
394 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount  
395 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag  
396 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all  
397 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a  
398 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established  
399 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the  
400 time the original application is made for a distinctive license  
401 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of  
402 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive  
403 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive  
404 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax  
405 collector.

406 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the  
407 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
408 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the  
409 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the  
410 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
411 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

412           (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee  
413 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
414 section shall be disbursed to Mississippi Families for Kids.

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

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

424           (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
425 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall  
426 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
427 27-19-44.2.

428           (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as  
429 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under  
430 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the  
431 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under  
432 this section. The tax collector shall issue month and year decals  
433 for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which  
434 will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

435           (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
436 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
437 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
438 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
439 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
440 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
441 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
442 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be  
443 distributed proportionately in the same manner as funds from the  
444 sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this  
445 section.

446           SECTION 7. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a  
447 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws  
448 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon  
449 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes  
450 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of  
451 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,  
452 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount  
453 provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a  
454 special license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name  
455 identifying him as a supporter of Rotary International. The  
456 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and  
457 design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of the Past  
458 Governor, District 6820, Rotary International, may prescribe, and  
459 shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be  
460 necessary to distinguish each license tag.

461           (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
462 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
463 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the  
464 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
465 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
466 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis  
467 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional  
468 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the  
469 county general fund.

470           (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or  
471 after July 1, 2005, any person applying for a distinctive license  
472 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount  
473 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag  
474 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all  
475 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a  
476 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established  
477 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the  
478 time the original application is made for a distinctive license  
479 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of  
480 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive

481 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive  
482 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax  
483 collector.

484 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the  
485 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
486 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the  
487 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the  
488 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
489 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

490 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee  
491 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
492 section shall be disbursed equally to District 6800, District 6820  
493 and District 6840, Rotary International.

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

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

503 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
504 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall  
505 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
506 27-19-44.2.

507 (5) 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 month and year decals  
512 for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which  
513 will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

514 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
515 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and

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

525       **SECTION 8.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a  
526 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws  
527 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon  
528 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes  
529 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of  
530 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,  
531 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount  
532 provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a  
533 special license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name  
534 identifying such person as a supporter of teachers. The  
535 distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and  
536 design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of the  
537 Mississippi Department of Education, may prescribe, shall have  
538 imprinted thereon the words "SUPPORT TEACHERS" and shall consist  
539 of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to  
540 distinguish each license tag.

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

550           (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or  
551 after July 1, 2005, any person applying for a distinctive license  
552 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount  
553 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag  
554 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all  
555 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a  
556 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established  
557 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the  
558 time the original application is made for a distinctive license  
559 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of  
560 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive  
561 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive  
562 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax  
563 collector.

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

570                   (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee  
571 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
572 section shall be disbursed to the Mississippi Department of  
573 Education and shall be equitably distributed by the department  
574 among all of the school districts in the state for expenditure on  
575 teachers' classroom supplies.

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

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



585           (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected  
586 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall  
587 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section  
588 27-19-44.2.

589           (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as  
590 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under  
591 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the  
592 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under  
593 this section. The tax collector shall issue month and year decals  
594 for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which  
595 will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

596           (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
597 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
598 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
599 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
600 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
601 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
602 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
603 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be  
604 distributed proportionately in the same manner as funds from the  
605 sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this  
606 section.

607           **SECTION 9.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a  
608 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws  
609 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon  
610 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes  
611 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of  
612 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,  
613 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount  
614 provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a  
615 special license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name  
616 identifying such person as a supporter of the Republican Party of  
617 the State of Mississippi. The distinctive license tags so issued  
618 shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission,  
619 with the advice of the Chairman of the Republican Party of the

620 State of Mississippi, may prescribe, and shall consist of such  
621 letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish  
622 each license tag.

623 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized  
624 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms  
625 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the  
626 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less  
627 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
628 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis  
629 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional  
630 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the  
631 county general fund.

632 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or  
633 after July 1, 2005, any person applying for a distinctive license  
634 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount  
635 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag  
636 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all  
637 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a  
638 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established  
639 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the  
640 time the original application is made for a distinctive license  
641 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of  
642 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive  
643 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive  
644 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax  
645 collector.

646 (4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees into the  
647 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,  
648 the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the  
649 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the  
650 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State  
651 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

652 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee  
653 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this

654 section shall be disbursed to the Executive Committee of the  
655 Republican Party of the State of Mississippi.

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

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

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671 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the  
672 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under  
673 this section. The tax collector shall issue month and year decals  
674 for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which  
675 will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

676 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license  
677 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and  
678 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by  
679 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license  
680 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving  
681 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and  
682 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee  
683 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be  
684 distributed proportionately in the same manner as funds from the  
685 sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this  
686 section.

687 **SECTION 10.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
688 and after July 1, 2005.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE  
2 LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE HOMEBUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF  
3 MISSISSIPPI; TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF  
4 SUCH LICENSE TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF MONIES  
5 DERIVED FROM THE ADDITIONAL FEE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF  
6 DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS IN SUPPORT OF THE  
7 DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES; TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR  
8 THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION  
9 OF MONIES DERIVED FROM THE ADDITIONAL FEE; TO AMEND SECTION  
10 49-15-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; TO  
11 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS  
12 IN SUPPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO  
13 PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS;  
14 TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF MONIES DERIVED FROM THE  
15 ADDITIONAL FEE; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.14, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
16 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT GRAND LODGE OF MISSISSIPPI, FREE AND  
17 ACCEPTED MASONS, DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS MAY BE ISSUED ONLY TO  
18 MEMBERS OF THE LODGE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE  
19 MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF MISSISSIPPI FAMILIES  
20 FOR KIDS; TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH  
21 LICENSE TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF MONIES DERIVED  
22 FROM THE ADDITIONAL FEE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE  
23 MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL;  
24 TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE THAT SHALL BE IMPOSED FOR THE  
25 ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF  
26 MONIES DERIVED FROM THE ADDITIONAL FEE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE  
27 OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORT TEACHERS; TO  
28 PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS;  
29 TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES COLLECTED FROM THE ADDITIONAL FEES SHALL BE  
30 DISTRIBUTED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AMONG ALL  
31 THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE STATE AND EXPENDED FOR TEACHERS'  
32 CLASSROOM SUPPLIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR  
33 VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS IN SUPPORT OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF THE  
34 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE THAT SHALL BE  
35 IMPOSED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE  
36 DISTRIBUTION OF MONIES DERIVED FROM THE ADDITIONAL FEE; AND FOR  
37 RELATED PURPOSES.

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