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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2028

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A DISTINCTIVE MOTOR
2 VEHICLE LICENSE TAG TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI BRAVES
3 PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL TEAM; TO PROVIDE THE FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF
4 SUCH TAG; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

29 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
30 after July 1, 2006, any person applying for a distinctive license
31 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
32 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
33 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
34 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
35 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
36 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
37 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
38 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
39 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
40 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
41 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
42 collector.

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

48 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
49 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
50 section shall be distributed to Pearl, Mississippi, to meet
51 obligations incurred by the city in inducing the Mississippi
52 Braves to locate in the city, and to improve infrastructure in the
53 West Pearl Restaurant Tax District created in Chapter 951, Local
54 and Private Laws of 2005.

55 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
56 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
57 be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant
58 to Section 7-9-70.

59 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
60 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
61 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund

62 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
63 reconstruction of highways.

64 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
65 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
66 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
67 27-19-44.2.

68 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
69 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
70 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
71 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
72 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
73 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
74 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
75 tag.

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

86 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
87 and after July 1, 2006.