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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2261

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTORCYCLE
2 LICENSE PLATES TO MISSISSIPPIANS WHO ARE HONORABLY DISCHARGED
3 VETERANS WHO SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** In recognition of the patriotic service rendered
7 by Mississippians who are honorably discharged veterans who served
8 in the United States Armed Forces, any such person is privileged
9 to obtain distinctive motorcycle license plates or tags for each
10 motorcycle registered in his name identifying his status as a
11 veteran. The State Tax Commission, with concurrence by the State
12 Veterans Affairs Board, shall develop decals to be affixed to the
13 license tag indicating branch and period of military service. The
14 distinctive plates or tags shall be of a color and design
15 designated by the Tax Commission with concurrence by the State
16 Veterans Affairs Board.

17 The distinctive license plates shall be prepared by the Tax
18 Commission and shall be issued through the tax collectors of the
19 counties in the same manner as are other motor vehicle license
20 plates or tags. An additional annual tag fee of Thirty Dollars
21 (\$30.00) shall be collected by the tax collector for such license
22 plates or tags and shall be remitted to the Tax Commission on a
23 monthly basis as prescribed by the commission. The additional fee
24 is due and payable at the time the original application is made
25 for a distinctive tag under this section and thereafter annually
26 at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains
27 the distinctive license tag. The State Tax Commission shall
28 deposit such fee to the credit of a fund to be administered by the

29 board overseeing the veterans nursing homes in this state for the
30 benefit of indigent veterans who are residents of such nursing
31 homes.

32 An applicant for the distinctive plates shall present to the
33 issuing official written evidence of the veteran's service. The
34 evidence shall include a copy of the applicant's DD-214 form, a
35 Report of Separation from Military Service, a military discharge
36 document, or a written certification of military service from the
37 State Veterans Affairs Board. The distinctive license plates or
38 tags so issued shall be used only upon a personally or jointly
39 owned private motorcycle registered in the name, or jointly in the
40 name, of the person making the application, and when issued to the
41 person shall be used upon the motorcycle for which issued in lieu
42 of the standard license plate or license tag normally issued for
43 the motorcycle.

44 The distinctive license plates shall not be transferable
45 between motorcycle owners; and in the event the owner of a
46 motorcycle bearing a distinctive plate shall sell, trade, exchange
47 or otherwise dispose of the motorcycle, the plate shall be
48 retained by the owner and returned to the tax collector.

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