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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2425

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.14, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE WIFE, WIDOW, UNMARRIED DAUGHTER OR
3 UNMARRIED SISTER OF A MEMBER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MISSISSIPPI,
4 FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, TO OBTAIN A SPECIAL MOTOR VEHICLE
5 LICENSE TAG THAT DISPLAYS THE FREEMASON EMBLEM AND DISPLAYS THE
6 WORDS "GRAND LODGE OF MISSISSIPPI"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-19-56.14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 27-19-56.14. (1) * * * Any owner of a motor vehicle who is
11 a member of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, Free and Accepted
12 Masons, his wife, widow, unmarried daughter or unmarried sister,
13 upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to
14 registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of
15 the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and
16 registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of
17 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,
18 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount of
19 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00), shall be entitled to a special license
20 tag which displays the Freemason emblem and displays the words
21 "Grand Lodge of Mississippi." * * *

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

25 (3) Application for the special license tags shall be made
26 to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the State Tax
27 Commission. Applicants for such distinctive license tags shall
28 present to the issuing official documentation from the Grand Lodge
29 of Mississippi as prescribed by the State Tax Commission showing

30 their membership or relationship to a member in the Grand Lodge of
31 Mississippi. The application and the additional fee, less five
32 percent (5%) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be
33 remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as
34 prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional fee
35 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
36 general fund.

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

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

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

50 (b) The remainder of each such additional fee shall be
51 deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended
52 solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction
53 of highways.

54 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
55 and after its passage.