

By: Senator(s) Michel

To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2653

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A DISTINCTIVE MOTOR  
2 VEHICLE LICENSE TAG FOR SUPPORTERS OF JUNIOR LEAGUE OF JACKSON;  
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a  
6 resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws  
7 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon  
8 payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes  
9 and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of  
10 passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles,  
11 and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount  
12 provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a  
13 special license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name  
14 identifying such person as a supporter of the Junior League of  
15 Jackson. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such  
16 color and design as the State Tax Commission, with the advice of  
17 the Junior League of Jackson, may prescribe, and shall consist of  
18 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) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,  
25 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis  
26 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional

27 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the  
28 county 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 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each distinctive license tag applied  
33 for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other  
34 taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of  
35 time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established license tag  
36 year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the  
37 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under  
38 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal  
39 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license  
40 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license  
41 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

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

48 (a) Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee  
49 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this  
50 section shall be disbursed to the Mississippi Children's Museum, a  
51 Mississippi nonprofit corporation.

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

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

59 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or  
60 reconstruction of highways.

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

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

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

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