

**Adopted
AMENDMENT NO 3 PROPOSED TO**

Cmte Sub for Senate Bill No. 2688

BY: Senator(s) White

1 **AMEND by inserting the following after line 697 and renumber**
2 **subsequent sections accordingly:**

3 **SECTION *.** Section 27-19-56.41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
4 amended as follows:

5 27-19-56.41. (1) Beginning with any registration year
6 commencing on or after July 1, 2006, any owner of a motor vehicle
7 who is a member of any society such as academic, professional,
8 honorary, Masonic, or so-called Greek letter fraternities or
9 sororities, or similar organization whether of a local or
10 connectional character that is established under Section 37-111-1
11 et seq., upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad
12 valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for
13 private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other
14 noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional
15 fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section,
16 shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle
17 registered in his name identifying such person as a member of such
18 a society or organization. The distinctive license tags so issued
19 shall be of such color and design as the State Tax Commission may
20 prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both,
21 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

22 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
23 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms

24 prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the
25 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
26 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
27 shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis
28 as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional
29 fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the
30 county general fund.

31 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
32 after July 1, 2002, any person applying for a distinctive license
33 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
34 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
35 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
36 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
37 period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established
38 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
39 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
40 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
41 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
42 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
43 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
44 collector.

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

51 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
52 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
53 section shall be distributed to the state chapter of the
54 organization for which a distinctive license tag was issued to a
55 member of such organization.

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

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

65 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
66 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
67 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
68 27-19-44.2.

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

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

87 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag for a society to
88 be issued pursuant to this section, the provisions of Section
89 27-19-44(2) must be satisfied for the society license tag prior to
90 July 1, 2009.

91 **FURTHER, AMEND line 18 of the title by placing the following**
92 **after the semicolon:**

93 TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE
94 TAGS THAT IDENTIFY THE PERSON TO WHOM THEY ARE ISSUED AS A MEMBER
95 OF A SOCIETY SUCH AS AN ACADEMIC, PROFESSIONAL, HONORARY, MASONIC,
96 OR SO-CALLED GREEK LETTER FRATERNITIES OR SORORITIES, OR SIMILAR
97 ORGANIZATIONS;