

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2801: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for supporters of Clarkdale High School in Lauderdale County.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

73 **SECTION 1.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
74 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge
75 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
76 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
77 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
78 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
79 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
80 vehicle registered in his name, which shall be of such color and
81 design as the department, with the advice of American Family
82 Association, Inc., may prescribe. The words "In God We Trust"
83 shall be used in the design of the license tag. The department
84 shall prescribe such letters or numbers, or both, as may be
85 necessary to distinguish each license tag.



86 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
87 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
88 prescribed by the department. The application and the additional
89 fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars
90 (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be
91 remitted to the department on a monthly basis as prescribed by the
92 department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax
93 collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

94 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
95 after July 1, 2024, any person applying for a distinctive license
96 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
97 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
98 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
99 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
100 period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established
101 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
102 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
103 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
104 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
105 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
106 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
107 collector.

108 (4) The department shall deposit all fees into the State
109 Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the
110 department shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees



111 collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive
112 license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall
113 distribute such collections as follows:

114 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
115 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
116 section shall be distributed to American Family Association, Inc.

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

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

126 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
127 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
128 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
129 27-19-44.2.

130 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
131 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
132 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
133 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
134 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
135 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,



136 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
137 tag.

138 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
139 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
140 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
141 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
142 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
143 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
144 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
145 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
146 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
147 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

148 **SECTION 2.** (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
149 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge
150 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
151 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
152 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
153 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
154 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
155 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
156 supporter of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. The distinctive
157 license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the
158 department, with the advice of the Tunnel to Towers Biloxi, may
159 prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both,
160 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.



161 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
162 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
163 prescribed by the department. The application and the additional
164 fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars
165 (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be
166 remitted to the department on a monthly basis as prescribed by the
167 department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax
168 collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

169 (3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or
170 after July 1, 2024, any person applying for a distinctive license
171 tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount
172 of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag
173 applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all
174 other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a
175 period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established
176 license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the
177 time the original application is made for a distinctive license
178 tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of
179 renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive
180 license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive
181 license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax
182 collector.

183 (4) The department shall deposit all fees into the State
184 Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the
185 department shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees



186 collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive
187 license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall
188 distribute such collections as follows:

189 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
190 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
191 section shall be distributed to the Tunnel to Towers Biloxi.

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

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

201 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
202 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
203 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
204 27-19-44.2.

205 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
206 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
207 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
208 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
209 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
210 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,



211 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
212 tag.

213 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
214 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
215 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
216 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
217 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
218 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
219 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
220 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
221 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
222 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

223 **SECTION 3.** Section 27-19-56.549, Mississippi Code of 1972,
224 is amended as follows:

225 27-19-56.549. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a
226 resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge
227 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
228 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
229 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
230 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (4) of this
231 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
232 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
233 supporter of any one (1) of the following:

234 (a) Mississippi Association of Nurse Practitioners;

235 (b) * * * Navy Seabee Foundation;



- 236 (c) Saint Stanislaus College in Bay Saint Louis,
237 Mississippi;
- 238 (d) Vancleave Live Oak Choctaw;
- 239 (e) Morton High School;
- 240 (f) Forest Municipal School District;
- 241 (g) Lake High School;
- 242 (h) Scott Central Attendance Center;
- 243 (i) Sebastopol Attendance Center;
- 244 (j) East Rankin Academy;
- 245 (k) Houston High School;
- 246 (l) Magnolia Heights School;
- 247 (m) Regents School of Oxford;
- 248 (n) The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.;
- 249 (o) Baptist Health Foundation, Inc.;
- 250 (p) Greene County Wildcats;
- 251 (q) Mississippi Disc Golf;
- 252 (r) Mississippi Road Builders Association;
- 253 (s) Clinton Public School District;
- 254 (t) Magnolia Speech School;
- 255 (u) Coahoma County Jr./Sr. High School;
- 256 (v) Clinton Community Nature Center;
- 257 (w) Most Worshipful King Hiram Grand Lodge * * *1 A.F.
258 & A.M., State of Mississippi;
- 259 (x) Electra Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star,
260 A.F. & A.M., State of Mississippi;



- 261 (* * *y) City of Olive Branch, Mississippi;
- 262 (* * *z) Methodist Cursillo of Mississippi * * *;
- 263 (aa) Clarkdale High School in Lauderdale County,
- 264 Mississippi;
- 265 (ab) Columbia Academy Cougars;
- 266 (ac) Mississippi Hunting Dog Association;
- 267 (ad) O'Keefe Educational Media DBA Disability
- 268 Connection;
- 269 (ae) New Orleans Pelicans;
- 270 (af) Mississippi Economic Council;
- 271 (ag) Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia.

272 (2) The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such

273 color and design as the department * * *, with the advice of the

274 respective beneficiary organization listed in subsection (1) of

275 this section, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or

276 numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license

277 tag.

278 (3) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized

279 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms

280 prescribed by the department * * *. The application and the

281 additional fee imposed under subsection (4) of this section, less

282 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,

283 shall be remitted to the department * * * on a monthly basis as

284 prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee



285 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
286 general fund.

287 (4) * * * Any person applying for a distinctive license tag
288 under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of
289 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied
290 for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other
291 taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of
292 time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license
293 tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the
294 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
295 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
296 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license
297 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
298 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

299 (5) The department * * * shall deposit all fees into the
300 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
301 the department * * * shall certify to the State Treasurer the
302 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
303 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
304 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

305 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
306 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
307 section shall be distributed to the appropriate beneficiary
308 organization listed in subsection (1) of this section.



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

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

318 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
319 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
320 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
321 27-19-44.2.

322 (6) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
323 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
324 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
325 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
326 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
327 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
328 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
329 tag.

330 (7) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
331 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
332 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
333 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license



334 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
335 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
336 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
337 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
338 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
339 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

340 **SECTION 4.** Section 27-19-56.369, Mississippi Code of 1972,
341 is amended as follows:

342 27-19-56.369. (1) Beginning with any registration year
343 commencing on or after July 1, * * * 2024, any owner of a motor
344 vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road
345 and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees
346 as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
347 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
348 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
349 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
350 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
351 supporter of the Pass Christian School District. The distinctive
352 license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the
353 department * * *, with the advice of the Pass Christian School
354 District, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or
355 numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license
356 tag.

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



359 prescribed by the department * * *. The application and the
360 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
361 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
362 shall be remitted to the department * * * on a monthly basis as
363 prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee
364 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
365 general fund.

366 (3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under
367 this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty
368 Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for
369 under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes
370 and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time
371 to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag
372 year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the
373 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
374 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
375 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license
376 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
377 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

378 (4) The department * * * shall deposit all fees into the
379 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
380 the department * * * shall certify to the State Treasurer the
381 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
382 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
383 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:



384 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
385 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
386 section shall be distributed to the Pass Christian School
387 District.

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

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

397 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
398 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
399 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
400 27-19-44.2.

401 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
402 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
403 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
404 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
405 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
406 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
407 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
408 tag.



409 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
410 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
411 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
412 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
413 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
414 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
415 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
416 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
417 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
418 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

419 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued
420 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be
421 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, * * *
422 2027.

423 **SECTION 5.** Section 27-19-56.387, Mississippi Code of 1972,
424 is amended as follows:

425 27-19-56.387. (1) Beginning with any registration year
426 commencing on or after July 1, 2024, any owner of a motor vehicle
427 who is a resident of this state and a member of the Grand Chapter
428 of * * * Mississippi Order of the Eastern Star or the spouse * * *
429 or child of a deceased member, upon payment of the road and bridge
430 privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
431 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
432 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
433 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this



434 section, shall be entitled to be issued a distinctive license tag
435 for any motor vehicle registered in their name. The distinctive
436 license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the
437 department * * *, with the advice of the Grand Chapter of * * *
438 Mississippi Order of the Eastern Star, may prescribe and shall
439 consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary
440 to distinguish each license tag.

441 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
442 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
443 prescribed by the department * * *. The application and the
444 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
445 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
446 shall be remitted to the department * * * on a monthly basis as
447 prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee
448 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
449 general fund.

450 (3) * * * Any person applying for a distinctive license tag
451 under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of
452 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied
453 for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other
454 taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of
455 time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license
456 tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the
457 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
458 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal



459 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license
460 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
461 tag, he or she must surrender it to the local county tax
462 collector.

463 (4) The department * * * shall deposit all fees into the
464 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
465 the department * * * shall certify to the State Treasurer the
466 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
467 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
468 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

469 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
470 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
471 section shall be distributed to the Grand Chapter of * * *
472 Mississippi Order of the Eastern Star.

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

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

482 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
483 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall



484 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
485 27-19-44.2.

486 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
487 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
488 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
489 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
490 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
491 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
492 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
493 tag.

494 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
495 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
496 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
497 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
498 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
499 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
500 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
501 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
502 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
503 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

504 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued
505 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be
506 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2027.

507 **SECTION 6.** Section 27-19-56.411, Mississippi Code of 1972,
508 is amended as follows:



509 27-19-56.411. (1) Beginning with any registration year
510 commencing on or after July 1, 2024, any owner of a motor vehicle
511 who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and
512 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
513 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
514 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
515 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
516 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
517 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
518 supporter of the former Rosa A. Temple High School in Vicksburg,
519 Mississippi. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of
520 such color and design as the department * * *, with the advice of
521 Central Mississippi Prevention Services, Inc., may prescribe and
522 shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be
523 necessary to distinguish each license tag.

524 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
525 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
526 prescribed by the department * * *. The application and the
527 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
528 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
529 shall be remitted to the department * * * on a monthly basis as
530 prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee
531 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
532 general fund.



533 (3) * * * Any person applying for a distinctive license tag
534 under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of
535 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied
536 for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other
537 taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of
538 time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license
539 tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the
540 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
541 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
542 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license
543 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
544 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

545 (4) The department * * * shall deposit all fees into the
546 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
547 the department * * * shall certify to the State Treasurer the
548 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
549 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
550 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

551 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
552 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
553 section shall be distributed to Central Mississippi Prevention
554 Services, Inc.

555 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
556 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall



557 be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant
558 to Section 7-9-70.

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

564 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
565 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
566 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
567 27-19-44.2.

568 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
569 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
570 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
571 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
572 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
573 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
574 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
575 tag.

576 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
577 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
578 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
579 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
580 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
581 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and



582 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
583 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
584 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
585 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

586 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued
587 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be
588 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2027.

589 **SECTION 7.** Section 27-19-56.485, Mississippi Code of 1972,
590 is amended as follows:

591 27-19-56.485. (1) Beginning with any registration year
592 commencing on or after July 1, 2024, any owner of a motor vehicle
593 who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and
594 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
595 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
596 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
597 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
598 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
599 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
600 supporter of the Moss Point School District. The distinctive
601 license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the
602 department * * *, with the advice of the Superintendent of the
603 Moss Point School District, may prescribe and shall consist of
604 such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to
605 distinguish each license tag.



606 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
607 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
608 prescribed by the department * * *. The application and the
609 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
610 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
611 shall be remitted to the department * * * on a monthly basis as
612 prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee
613 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
614 general fund.

615 (3) * * * Any person applying for a distinctive license tag
616 under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of
617 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied
618 for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other
619 taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of
620 time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license
621 tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the
622 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
623 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
624 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license
625 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
626 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

627 (4) The department * * * shall deposit all fees into the
628 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
629 the department * * * shall certify to the State Treasurer the
630 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the



631 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
632 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

633 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
634 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
635 section shall be distributed to the Gulf Coast Community
636 Foundation for deposit into a special fund created by the Moss
637 Point Educational Enhancement Foundation and used for the purpose
638 authorized by the Board of Directors of the Moss Point Educational
639 Enhancement Foundation.

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

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

649 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
650 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
651 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
652 27-19-44.2.

653 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
654 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
655 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the



656 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
657 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
658 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
659 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
660 tag.

661 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
662 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
663 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
664 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
665 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
666 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
667 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
668 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
669 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
670 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

671 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued
672 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be
673 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2027.

674 **SECTION 8.** Section 27-19-56.498, Mississippi Code of 1972,
675 is amended as follows:

676 27-19-56.498. (1) Beginning with any registration year
677 commencing on or after July 1, 2024, any owner of a motor vehicle
678 who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and
679 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
680 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup



681 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
682 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
683 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
684 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
685 supporter of EV Mississippi. The distinctive license tags so
686 issued shall be of such color and design as the department * * *,
687 with the advice of EV Mississippi, may prescribe and shall consist
688 of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to
689 distinguish each license tag.

690 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
691 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
692 prescribed by the department * * *. The application and the
693 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
694 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
695 shall be remitted to the department * * * on a monthly basis as
696 prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee
697 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
698 general fund.

699 (3) * * * Any person applying for a distinctive license tag
700 under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of
701 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied
702 for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other
703 taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of
704 time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license
705 tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the



706 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
707 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
708 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license
709 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
710 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

711 (4) The department * * * shall deposit all fees into the
712 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
713 the department * * * shall certify to the State Treasurer the
714 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
715 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
716 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

717 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
718 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
719 section shall be distributed to EV Mississippi.

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

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

729 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
730 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall



731 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
732 27-19-44.2.

733 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
734 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
735 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
736 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
737 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
738 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
739 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
740 tag.

741 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
742 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
743 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
744 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
745 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
746 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
747 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
748 for such replacement license tag, and the remainder shall be
749 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
750 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

751 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued
752 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be
753 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2027.

754 **SECTION 9.** Section 27-19-56.532, Mississippi Code of 1972,
755 is amended as follows:



756 27-19-56.532. (1) Beginning with any registration year
757 commencing on or after July 1, * * * 2024, any owner of a motor
758 vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road
759 and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees
760 as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
761 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
762 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
763 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
764 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
765 supporter of Desert of Mississippi Shriners and Daughters AEAONMS,
766 PHA. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such
767 color and design as the department * * *, with the advice of
768 Desert of Mississippi Shriners and Daughters AEAONMS, PHA, may
769 prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both,
770 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

771 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
772 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
773 prescribed by the department * * *. The application and the
774 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
775 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
776 shall be remitted to the department * * * on a monthly basis as
777 prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee
778 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
779 general fund.



780 (3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under
781 this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Fifty
782 Dollars (\$50.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for
783 under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes
784 and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time
785 to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag
786 year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the
787 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
788 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
789 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license
790 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
791 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

792 (4) The department * * * shall deposit all fees into the
793 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
794 the department * * * shall certify to the State Treasurer the
795 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
796 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
797 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

798 (a) Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee
799 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
800 section shall be distributed to Desert of Mississippi Shriners and
801 Daughters AEAONMS, PHA.

802 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
803 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall



804 be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant
805 to Section 7-9-70.

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

811 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
812 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
813 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
814 27-19-44.2.

815 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
816 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
817 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
818 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
819 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
820 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
821 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
822 tag.

823 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
824 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
825 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
826 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
827 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
828 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and



829 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
830 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
831 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
832 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

833 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued
834 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be
835 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2027.

836 **SECTION 10.** Section 27-19-56.535, Mississippi Code of 1972,
837 is amended as follows:

838 27-19-56.535. (1) Beginning with any registration year
839 commencing on or after July 1, * * * 2024, any owner of a motor
840 vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road
841 and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees
842 as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
843 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
844 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
845 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
846 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
847 supporter of Wildlife Mississippi. The distinctive license tags
848 so issued shall be of such color and design as the
849 department * * *, with the advice of Wildlife Mississippi, may
850 prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both,
851 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

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



854 prescribed by the department * * *. The application and the
855 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
856 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
857 shall be remitted to the department * * * on a monthly basis as
858 prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee
859 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
860 general fund.

861 (3) * * * Any person applying for a distinctive license tag
862 under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of
863 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied
864 for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other
865 taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of
866 time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license
867 tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the
868 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
869 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
870 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license
871 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
872 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

873 (4) The department * * * shall deposit all fees into the
874 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
875 the department * * * shall certify to the State Treasurer the
876 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
877 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
878 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:



879 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
880 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
881 section shall be distributed to Wildlife Mississippi.

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

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

891 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
892 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
893 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
894 27-19-44.2.

895 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
896 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
897 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
898 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
899 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
900 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
901 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
902 tag.



903 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
904 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
905 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
906 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
907 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
908 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
909 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
910 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
911 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
912 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

913 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued
914 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be
915 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2027.

916 **SECTION 11.** Section 27-19-56.554, Mississippi Code of 1972,
917 is amended as follows:

918 27-19-56.554. (1) Beginning with any registration year
919 commencing on or after July 1, 2024, any owner of a motor vehicle
920 who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and
921 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
922 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
923 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
924 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
925 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor
926 vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a
927 supporter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. The distinctive



928 license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the
929 department * * *, with the advice of the Jackson, Mississippi,
930 Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., may prescribe and shall
931 consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary
932 to distinguish each license tag.

933 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
934 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
935 prescribed by the department * * *. The application and the
936 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
937 Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector,
938 shall be remitted to the department * * * on a monthly basis as
939 prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee
940 retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county
941 general fund.

942 (3) * * * Any person applying for a distinctive license tag
943 under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of
944 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied
945 for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other
946 taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of
947 time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license
948 tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the
949 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
950 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
951 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license



952 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
953 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

954 (4) The department * * * shall deposit all fees into the
955 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
956 the department * * * shall certify to the State Treasurer the
957 total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the
958 distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State
959 Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

960 (a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee
961 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
962 section shall be distributed to the Jackson, Mississippi, Chapter
963 of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

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

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

973 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
974 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
975 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
976 27-19-44.2.



977 (5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
978 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
979 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
980 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
981 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
982 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
983 which will expire the same month and year as the regular license
984 tag.

985 (6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
986 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
987 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
988 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
989 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
990 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
991 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
992 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
993 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
994 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

995 (7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued
996 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be
997 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2027.

998 **SECTION 12.** Section 27-19-44, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
999 amended as follows:

1000 27-19-44. (1) For any distinctive license tag or plate
1001 authorized by the Legislature from and after July 1, 2000, through



1002 June 30, 2002, or authorized by Sections 27-19-56.37 and
1003 27-19-56.55, the requirements of this subsection must be met
1004 before the department * * * may prepare or issue any such license
1005 tag or plate. The organization or other entity for which the
1006 Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must
1007 submit proof satisfactory to the department * * * that at least
1008 one hundred (100) of such license tags or plates will be purchased
1009 and must deposit with the department an amount necessary to
1010 purchase one hundred (100) of such license tags or plates. The
1011 organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized
1012 the distinctive license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements
1013 of this subsection (1) within two (2) years after the effective
1014 date of the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to
1015 permit the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued.

1016 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (1) of this
1017 section, for any distinctive license tag or plate authorized by
1018 the Legislature from and after July 1, 2002, through June 30,
1019 2007, the requirements of this subsection must be met before the
1020 department * * * may prepare or issue any such license tag or
1021 plate. The organization or other entity for which the Legislature
1022 authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof
1023 satisfactory to the department * * * that at least two hundred
1024 (200) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and must
1025 deposit with the department an amount necessary to purchase two
1026 hundred (200) of such license tags or plates. The organization or



1027 other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive
1028 license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements of this
1029 subsection (2) within three (3) years after the effective date of
1030 the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to permit
1031 the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued.

1032 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, Section
1033 27-19-56.7, Section 27-19-56.56, Section 27-19-56.59, Section
1034 27-19-56.85 or Section 27-19-56.94, for any distinctive license
1035 tag or plate authorized or reauthorized by the Legislature from
1036 and after July 1, 2007, the following requirements must be met
1037 before the department * * * may prepare or issue any such license
1038 tag or plate:

1039 (a) The organization or other entity for which the
1040 Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must
1041 submit proof satisfactory to the department * * * that at least
1042 three hundred (300) of such license tags or plates will be
1043 purchased and must deposit with the department an amount necessary
1044 to purchase three hundred (300) of such license tags or plates.

1045 (b) The organization or other entity for which the
1046 Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must
1047 satisfy the requirements of paragraph (a) of this subsection (3)
1048 within three (3) years after the effective date of the law
1049 authorizing the license tag or plate in order to permit the
1050 license tag or plate to be prepared and issued. This paragraph



1051 (b) shall not apply to distinctive tags or plates issued under
1052 Section 27-19-56.154.

1053 (4) Any distinctive license tag authorized under * * *
1054 Section 27-19-56.186, 27-19-56.203 and 27-19-56.315 must meet the
1055 requirements of this subsection before the department * * * may
1056 prepare or issue any such license tag or plate. The organization
1057 or other entity for which the Legislature authorized the
1058 distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof satisfactory to
1059 the department * * * that at least one hundred (100) of such
1060 license tags or plates will be purchased and must deposit with the
1061 department an amount necessary to purchase one hundred (100) of
1062 such license tags or plates. The organization or other entity for
1063 which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or
1064 plate must satisfy the requirements of this subsection (4) within
1065 three (3) years after the effective date of the law authorizing
1066 the license tag or plate in order to permit the license tag or
1067 plate to be prepared and issued.

1068 (5) The distinctive license tags authorized under Section
1069 27-19-56.108 must meet the requirements of this subsection before
1070 the department * * * may prepare or issue any such license tag or
1071 plate. The organization or other entity for which the Legislature
1072 authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof
1073 satisfactory to the department * * * that at least two hundred
1074 (200) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and must



1075 deposit with the department an amount necessary to purchase two
1076 hundred (200) of such license tags or plates.

1077 (6) Any distinctive license tag authorized under Section
1078 27-19-56.549(1)(l), (n) or (z) must meet the requirements of this
1079 subsection before the department may prepare or issue any such
1080 license tag or plate. The organization or other entity for which
1081 the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate
1082 must submit proof satisfactory to the department that at least one
1083 hundred (100) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and
1084 must deposit with the department an amount necessary to purchase
1085 one hundred (100) of such license tags or plates. The
1086 organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized
1087 the distinctive license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements
1088 of this subsection (4) within three (3) years after the effective
1089 date of the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to
1090 permit the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued. Until
1091 a total of three hundred (300) such tags are sold, the department
1092 shall deposit the proceeds of the additional fee into the License
1093 Tag Acquisition Fund created in Section 27-19-179. After three
1094 hundred (300) tags are sold, the proceeds of the additional fee
1095 shall be distributed as provided in the section authorizing the
1096 issuance of the applicable special tag. The department may
1097 promulgate rules and regulations to administer this subsection.

1098 (* * *7) If the organization or other entity for which the
1099 Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate meets



1100 the requirements of subsection (1), (2), (3), (4) or (5) of this
1101 section, the department * * * shall prepare and issue the
1102 distinctive license tag or plate.

1103 (* * *8) The department * * * shall review the number of
1104 distinctive or special license tags or plates issued pursuant to
1105 this chapter during the period for the license tag or plate
1106 series. If the number of any distinctive or special license tag
1107 or plate issued pursuant to this chapter falls below one hundred
1108 (100) in the last year of the license tag or plate series, the
1109 distinctive or special license tag or plate shall be discontinued
1110 at the end of the period for the license tag or plate series.

1111 (* * *9) If a distinctive or special license tag or plate
1112 is discontinued under subsection (7) of this section, the
1113 organization or other entity for which the license tag or plate
1114 was discontinued may prepare a distinctive or special license tag
1115 or plate decal. The distinctive or special license tag or plate
1116 decal shall be of such size, color and design as may be agreed
1117 upon by the organization or other entity and the department * * *.
1118 However, the department * * * shall have final approval of the
1119 size, color and design of the decal. The distinctive or special
1120 license tag or plate decals shall be prepared and sold by the
1121 organization or other entity, and the proceeds derived from the
1122 sale of such decals shall be retained by the organization or other
1123 entity for any use deemed appropriate by the organization or other
1124 entity.



1125 (* * * 10) The provisions of this section shall not apply to
1126 distinctive or special license tags or plates:

1127 (a) Which are issued under Section 27-19-45, 27-19-46,
1128 27-19-47.1, 27-19-47.2, 27-19-48, 27-19-49, 27-19-53, 27-19-55,
1129 27-19-56, 27-19-56.1, 27-19-56.2, 27-19-56.3, 27-19-56.5,
1130 27-19-56.6, 27-19-56.9, 27-19-56.11, 27-19-56.12, 27-19-56.13,
1131 27-19-56.40, 27-19-56.62, 27-19-56.69, 27-19-56.79, 27-19-56.90,
1132 27-19-56.125, 27-19-56.127, 27-19-56.137, 27-19-56.140,
1133 27-19-56.162, 27-19-56.187, 27-19-56.199, 27-19-56.205,
1134 27-19-56.239, 27-19-56.292, 27-19-56.318, 27-19-56.379,
1135 27-19-56.425, 27-19-56.466, 27-19-56.489, 27-19-56.522(1)(a),
1136 27-19-56.524 or 27-19-56.557; or

1137 (b) For which no additional fee is required to be paid.

1138 **SECTION 13.** Section 27-19-56.412, Mississippi Code of 1972,
1139 is amended as follows:

1140 27-19-56.412. (1) Beginning with any registration year
1141 commencing on or after July 1, 2023, any owner of a motor vehicle
1142 who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and
1143 bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as
1144 prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup
1145 trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of
1146 an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this
1147 section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor
1148 vehicle registered in his name, which shall be of such color and
1149 design as the department * * *, with the advice of Choose Life



1150 Mississippi or any successor entity, may prescribe. The word
1151 "Adoption" shall be used in the design of the license tag. The
1152 department * * * shall prescribe such letters or numbers, or both,
1153 as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

1154 (2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized
1155 by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms
1156 prescribed by the department * * *. The application and the
1157 additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less
1158 Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be
1159 remitted to the department * * * on a monthly basis as prescribed
1160 by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by
1161 the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

1162 (3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under
1163 this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of * * *
1164 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied
1165 for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other
1166 taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of
1167 time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license
1168 tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the
1169 original application is made for a distinctive license tag under
1170 this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal
1171 registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license
1172 tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license
1173 tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.



1174 (4) The department * * * shall deposit all fees into the
1175 State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month,
1176 the department * * * shall certify the total fees collected under
1177 this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such
1178 collections as follows:

1179 (a) * * * Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each
1180 additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued
1181 pursuant to this section shall be disbursed to Choose Life
1182 Mississippi or any successor entity to be used as provided for in
1183 subsection (5) of this section.

1184 (b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
1185 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
1186 be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant
1187 to Section 7-9-70.

1188 (c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee
1189 collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this
1190 section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund
1191 to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or
1192 reconstruction of highways.

1193 (d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected
1194 on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall
1195 be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section
1196 27-19-44.2.

1197 (5) Funds disbursed to Choose Life Mississippi or any
1198 successor entity under this section may be used for any purpose



1199 other than for administrative expenses, legal expenses, capital
1200 expenditures, attempting to influence any legislation or any
1201 political campaign on behalf or in opposition to any candidate for
1202 public office.

1203 (6) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as
1204 required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under
1205 this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the
1206 tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under
1207 this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license
1208 decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section,
1209 which will expire the same month and year as the license tag.

1210 (7) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license
1211 tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and
1212 affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by
1213 Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license
1214 tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving
1215 such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and
1216 deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee
1217 for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be
1218 distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular
1219 distinctive license tags issued under this section.

1220 (8) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued
1221 under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be
1222 satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2026.



1223 **SECTION 14.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
1224 and after July 1, 2024.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE
2 LICENSE TAGS WITH THE WORDS "IN GOD WE TRUST" USED IN THE DESIGN
3 OF THE LICENSE TAGS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE
4 MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE TUNNEL TO TOWERS
5 FOUNDATION; TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF
6 SUCH LICENSE TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE
7 ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED FROM THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS;
8 TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.549, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
9 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS
10 TO SUPPORTERS OF THE NAVY SEABEE FOUNDATION; TO AUTHORIZE THE
11 ISSUANCE OF SEPARATE DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO
12 SUPPORTERS OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL KING HIRAM GRAND LODGE, A.F. &
13 A.M., STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AND TO SUPPORTERS OF ELECTRA GRAND
14 CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, A.F. & A.M., STATE OF
15 MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR
16 VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF CLARKDALE HIGH SCHOOL IN
17 LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF
18 DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE
19 COLUMBIA ACADEMY COUGARS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE
20 MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI
21 HUNTING DOG ASSOCIATION; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE
22 MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF O'KEEFE EDUCATIONAL
23 MEDIA DBA DISABILITY CONNECTION; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF
24 DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE NEW
25 ORLEANS PELICANS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR
26 VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI ECONOMIC
27 COUNCIL; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE
28 LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY FOR DYSLEXIA;
29 TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE
30 TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE
31 COLLECTED FROM THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS; TO AMEND SECTION
32 27-19-56.369, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE
33 ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS
34 OF THE PASS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION
35 27-19-56.387, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE
36 ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS
37 OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF MISSISSIPPI ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR; TO
38 AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.411, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
39 REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS
40 TO SUPPORTERS OF THE FORMER ROSA A. TEMPLE HIGH SCHOOL IN



41 VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.485, MISSISSIPPI
42 CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR
43 VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MOSS POINT SCHOOL
44 DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.498, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
45 TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE
46 TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF EV MISSISSIPPI; TO AMEND SECTION
47 27-19-56.532, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE
48 ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS
49 OF DESERT OF MISSISSIPPI SHRINERS AND DAUGHTERS AEAONMS, PHA; TO
50 AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.535, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
51 REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS
52 TO SUPPORTERS OF WILDLIFE MISSISSIPPI; TO AMEND SECTION
53 27-19-56.554, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE
54 ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS
55 OF JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA, INC.; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-44,
56 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DISTINCTIVE MOTOR
57 VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED TO SUPPORTERS OF THE
58 GARDEN CLUBS OF MISSISSIPPI, INC., MAGNOLIA HEIGHTS SCHOOL AND
59 METHODIST CURSILLO OF MISSISSIPPI MAY BE ISSUED AFTER PROOF HAS
60 BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE THAT 100 OF SUCH TAGS
61 WILL BE PURCHASED; TO PROVIDE THAT, UNTIL 300 SUCH TAGS ARE SOLD,
62 THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL DEPOSIT THE PROCEEDS OF THE
63 ADDITIONAL FEE INTO THE LICENSE TAG ACQUISITION FUND, AND AFTER
64 300 TAGS ARE SOLD, THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED AS PROVIDED
65 IN THE SECTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE APPLICABLE SPECIAL
66 TAG; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO PROMULGATE RELEVANT
67 RULES AND REGULATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.412, MISSISSIPPI
68 CODE OF 1972, TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED
69 FOR THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS WITH
70 THE WORD "ADOPTION" USED IN THE DESIGN OF THE LICENSE TAGS; AND
71 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE
X (SIGNED)
Harkins

X (SIGNED)
Chassaniol

X (SIGNED)
Brumfield

CONFEREES FOR
X (SIGNED)
Lamar

X (SIGNED)
Steverson

X (SIGNED)
Zuber

