

By: Representative Taylor

To: Game and Fish

## HOUSE BILL NO. 373

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT A NATIVE-BORN MISSISSIPPIAN NONRESIDENT WHO PAYS ONE  
3 HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS OR MORE IN AD VALOREM TAXES ON REAL PROPERTY  
4 IN THE STATE MAY PURCHASE A RESIDENT HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE;  
5 TO PROVIDE THAT PROPERTY TAX RECEIPTS AND A CERTIFIED BIRTH  
6 CERTIFICATE SHALL SERVE AS PROOF OF OWNERSHIP OF REAL PROPERTY AND  
7 BIRTH IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AND SHALL BE SHOWN TO THE  
8 LICENSING AGENT WHEN PURCHASING A LICENSE; AND FOR RELATED  
9 PURPOSES.

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

11 SECTION 1. Section 49-7-8, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
12 amended as follows:

13 49-7-8. (1) No nonresident sixteen (16) years of age or  
14 older may hunt, fish, kill, take or trap any game animal, bird or  
15 fish without having acquired and having in his immediate  
16 possession a valid license issued by the Mississippi Commission on  
17 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. A native-born Mississippian  
18 nonresident who pays One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) or more  
19 in ad valorem taxes on land or real property he or she owns in the  
20 state may purchase a resident hunting or fishing license, or both,  
21 and may lawfully hunt or fish, or both, with the resident's  
22 license in the state. The nonresident's property tax receipts  
23 from a previous year shall serve as proof of ownership of land or  
24 real property in the state and shall be shown to the licensing  
25 agent by the nonresident when he or she purchases a resident  
26 hunting or fishing license, or both, as provided in this section.  
27 A certified birth certificate shall serve as proof that the  
28 nonresident was born in the State of Mississippi and shall be  
29 shown to the licensing agent by the nonresident when he or she

30 purchases a resident hunting or fishing license, or both, as  
31 provided in this section.

32 (2) The commission shall have the following duties and  
33 powers:

34 (a) To prescribe the forms and types of nonresident  
35 licenses that a nonresident must obtain;

36 (b) To determine the total number of each type of  
37 nonresident license to be issued annually;

38 (c) To establish fees for nonresident licenses and  
39 the collection fees for the agent issuing such licenses; provided,  
40 however, that the fee for a nonresident all game hunting license  
41 shall not be less than Sixty Dollars (\$60.00);

42 (d) To exercise all incidental powers necessary to  
43 develop a nonresident licensing program.

44 (3) A nonresident who violates this section or any  
45 licensing regulation of the commission is guilty of a misdemeanor  
46 and shall be punished as provided in Section 49-7-21(3).

47 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
48 and after July 1, 1999.