

By: Representative Dedeaux

To: Game and Fish

HOUSE BILL NO. 664

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-5-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF A COUNTY TO OFFER A BOUNTY
3 ON COYOTE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 19-5-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 19-5-51. Any board of supervisors may, in its discretion, by
8 appropriate resolution spread upon its minutes, offer a bounty not
9 to exceed Five Dollars (\$5.00) for each nutria, beaver, coyote or
10 bobcat destroyed, where such board finds and determines that
11 nutria, beaver, coyote or bobcats are in such quantities that the
12 preservation of trees and other properties requires such bounties
13 to be offered. Upon presentation to the sheriff of the complete
14 tail of a nutria, beaver, coyote or bobcat, the sheriff shall
15 execute a receipt therefor. Upon filing of such receipt with the
16 chancery clerk, the amount of such bounty may be allowed by the
17 board of supervisors as are other accounts against the county.

18 There is further provided a bounty on beaver not to exceed
19 Five Dollars (\$5.00) for each beaver to be paid in the following
20 manner: Upon the presentation of the tail of any beaver, any
21 conservation officer of the state shall issue a receipt in such
22 form as prescribed by the state game and fish commission to the
23 person presenting such tail. The Commission on Wildlife,
24 Fisheries and Parks shall redeem such receipts by paying to such
25 person a sum not to exceed Five Dollars (\$5.00) for each such
26 receipt as bounty. The redemption of such receipts shall be paid

27 only from funds especially appropriated for this purpose and it is
28 expressly provided that no such bounty shall be paid from any
29 regular receipts, funds and appropriations of the Commission on
30 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

31 For the purposes of carrying out the purposes of this
32 section, the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and the
33 State Forestry Commission are authorized, empowered and directed,
34 when requested by the board of supervisors or any property owner,
35 to utilize funds, personnel and equipment under reasonable terms
36 and conditions.

37 No bounty shall be paid when funds, personnel or equipment of
38 the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, the State
39 Forestry Commission or the county are employed in capturing and
40 killing such animals.

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