

By: Representative Foster

To: Game and Fish

## HOUSE BILL NO. 770

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REVISE ANTLER RESTRICTIONS ON THE DEER BAG LIMIT; AND FOR RELATED  
3 PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 49-7-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 49-7-41. (1) The commission may set the bag limits for game  
8 animals, birds and fish, unless the bag limits are established by  
9 the Legislature by statute. This subsection shall stand repealed  
10 on July 1, 2000.

11 (2) (a) The bag limit on buck deer is one (1) buck per day,  
12 not to exceed three (3) per license year. Only buck deer with at  
13 least one (1) forked antler \* \* \* may be taken.

14 (b) The bag limit on antlerless deer is one (1) per  
15 day, not to exceed five (5) per license year; except that two (2)  
16 additional antlerless deer per license year may be taken with a bow  
17 and arrow. Antlerless deer may be taken only in the areas  
18 prescribed by order of the commission. It is illegal to take a  
19 spotted fawn in any season.

20 (c) It is unlawful for a nonresident to kill an  
21 antlerless deer except on lands that title is vested in the  
22 nonresident or on lands that the nonresident has leased hunting  
23 and fishing rights.

24 (3) The bag limit on antlerless deer set by this section  
25 shall not apply to private lands under the deer management  
26 assistance program or the fee-based antlerless program as approved

27 by the department.

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