

By: Representative Livingston

To: Game and Fish

HOUSE BILL NO. 904

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT A NONRESIDENT WHO POSSESSES A VALID NONRESIDENT
3 LIFETIME SPORTSMAN LICENSE MAY KILL ANTLERLESS DEER ON ANY LAND
4 WHERE IT IS LAWFUL FOR A RESIDENT TO KILL ANTLERLESS DEER; AND FOR
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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 This subsection shall stand repealed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

13 (2) (a) The bag limit on buck deer is one (1) buck per day,
14 not to exceed three (3) per license year. Only buck deer with
15 antlers of four (4) points or greater may be taken.

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

22 (c) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this
23 subsection, it is unlawful for a nonresident to kill an antlerless
24 deer except on lands that title is vested in the nonresident or on
25 lands that the nonresident has leased hunting and fishing rights.

26 (d) A nonresident who possesses a valid nonresident
27 lifetime sportsman license may kill antlerless deer on any land

28 where it is lawful for a resident to kill antlerless deer.

29 (3) The bag limit on antlerless deer set by this section
30 shall not apply to private lands under the deer management
31 assistance program or the fee-based antlerless program as approved
32 by the department.

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