

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and  
Fisheries

## SENATE BILL NO. 2933

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE SALE OF WILD ANIMALS, BIRDS OR FISH OVER  
3 A CERTAIN VALUE; TO PROVIDE THAT SECTION 49-7-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
4 OF 1972, APPLIES TO WILD ANIMALS, BIRDS AND FISH IN ADDITION TO  
5 GAME ANIMALS, BIRDS AND FISH; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 49-7-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 49-7-51. (1) It is unlawful for any person to buy or sell  
10 or to offer for sale, exchange for merchandise, or other  
11 consideration, within this state, any game birds, game animals, or  
12 game fish, or parts thereof, named in this chapter, whether taken  
13 within or coming from without the state, except as specifically  
14 permitted by law or regulation. \* \* \* The skins and sinew of deer  
15 may be bought and sold at any time.

16 (2) Any person who buys, sells, offers for sale, exchange  
17 for merchandise, or other consideration, any wild bird, wild  
18 animal or fish that has been taken illegally is guilty of a Class  
19 I violation and punished as provided in Section 49-7-141.

20 (3) Any purchase, sale, offer for sale, exchange for  
21 merchandise, or other consideration of such animals, birds or  
22 fish, that has a value of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) or more  
23 shall be a felony, and any such person or persons committing such  
24 felony shall be subject to a fine of not less than Two Thousand  
25 Dollars (\$2,000.00) nor more than Five Thousand Dollars  
26 (\$5,000.00) or may be imprisoned for a term not to exceed one (1)  
27 year, or both. Any violation of this section of less than Three

28 Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) in value is a Class I violation and is  
29 punishable as provided in Section 49-7-141.

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