

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and
Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2933
(As Passed the Senate)

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.