

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and  
Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2933  
(As Sent to Governor)

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. A violation of this  
16 subsection is a Class I violation and is punishable as provided in  
17 Section 49-7-141.

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

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