

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2934

1 AN ACT TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 49-7-153, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
2 1972, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE TYPES OF LIFETIME LICENSEE;  
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF  
4 THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

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6 SECTION 1. Section 49-7-153, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 brought forward as follows:

8 49-7-153. (1) Any resident may purchase a lifetime  
9 sportsman license by filing an application in the office of the  
10 department. The license shall qualify the licensee to take all  
11 fish, game and fowl, except waterfowl, including deer and turkey,  
12 in the manner provided by law. The license shall also permit the  
13 licensee to hunt with primitive weapons and bow and arrow, and to  
14 take crabs, oysters, shrimp and any other saltwater fish  
15 authorized to be taken under a recreational permit. Any resident  
16 may purchase a lifetime fishing license by filing an application  
17 in the office of the department. The lifetime fishing license  
18 shall entitle the licensee to fish in the public waters of the  
19 state, including the taking of crabs, oysters, shrimp and any  
20 saltwater fish authorized to be taken under a recreational permit.

21 (2) The department may issue a lifetime sportsman license at  
22 a fee to be determined by the commission at an amount not less  
23 than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for a person over twelve (12)  
24 years of age; not less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for a  
25 person between the ages of two (2) years and twelve (12) years  
26 inclusive; and not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for a  
27 person under two (2) years of age. The department may issue a

28 golden lifetime sportsman license at a fee to be determined by the  
29 commission, in an amount not less than One Thousand Dollars  
30 (\$1,000.00). The categories for lifetime fishing licenses shall  
31 be the same as the categories for lifetime sportsman licenses.  
32 The fee for each category of lifetime fishing licenses shall be  
33 one-half (1/2) of the fee for the comparable category of sportsman  
34 licenses. The difference in the fee charged for the golden  
35 lifetime license and the fee for a lifetime license shall be  
36 considered a donation to the Wildlife Endowment Fund. All  
37 lifetime licenses shall be issued from the office of the  
38 department. Each application for a lifetime license must be  
39 accompanied by a certified copy of the birth certificate of the  
40 individual to be named as the license holder, if the individual is  
41 twelve (12) years of age or under.

42 (3) The commission shall establish proof of residency  
43 requirements for the purchase of a lifetime license, and shall  
44 also establish such restrictions on and regulations for lifetime  
45 licenses as it deems necessary and proper. An applicant for a  
46 resident lifetime license must have been domiciled in this state  
47 for eighteen (18) consecutive months immediately preceding the  
48 date of his application for a license. The burden of proving  
49 domicile shall be on the applicant.

50 (4) (a) The department may issue a nonresident lifetime  
51 sportsman license for a fee which shall be established by the  
52 commission. The fee for such license shall not be less than Three  
53 Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).

54 (b) The department may issue a native son or daughter  
55 nonresident lifetime sportsman license. The fee shall be One  
56 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). The applicant must provide a  
57 certified copy of the original birth certificate showing that the  
58 applicant was born in Mississippi and/or if the parents' address  
59 was in Mississippi at the time of birth as shown on the birth  
60 certificate.

61 (5) Any materially false statement contained in an  
62 application for a lifetime license renders void the license issued  
63 pursuant to that application, and subjects the applicant to  
64 criminal prosecution under Section 49-7-45.

65           (6) Nothing in this section exempts an applicant for a  
66 lifetime license from meeting other qualifications or requirements  
67 otherwise established by law for the privilege of hunting or  
68 fishing.