

By: Representative Robertson

To: Game and Fish

HOUSE BILL NO. 942

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
 2 PROVIDE THAT A NATIVE-BORN MISSISSIPPIAN WHO IS A NONRESIDENT AND
 3 WHO PAYS AD VALOREM TAXES ON REAL PROPERTY IN THE STATE OF
 4 MISSISSIPPI MAY PURCHASE A RESIDENT HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE; TO
 5 PROVIDE THAT PROPERTY TAX RECEIPTS AND A CERTIFIED BIRTH
 6 CERTIFICATE SHALL SERVE AS PROOF OF OWNERSHIP OF REAL PROPERTY AND
 7 BIRTH IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AND SHALL BE SHOWN TO THE
 8 LICENSING AGENT WHEN PURCHASING A LICENSE; AND FOR RELATED
 9 PURPOSES.

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

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

13 49-7-8. (1) No nonresident sixteen (16) years of age or
 14 older may hunt, fish, kill, take or trap any game animal, bird or
 15 fish without having acquired and having in his immediate
 16 possession a valid license issued by the Mississippi Commission on
 17 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. A native-born Mississippian who is
 18 a nonresident and who pays ad valorem taxes on land or real
 19 property he or she owns in the State of Mississippi may purchase a
 20 resident hunting or fishing license, or both, and may lawfully
 21 hunt or fish, or both, with the resident's license in the state.
 22 The nonresident's property tax receipts from a previous year shall
 23 serve as proof of ownership of land or real property in the state
 24 and shall be shown to the licensing agent by the nonresident when
 25 he or she purchases a resident hunting or fishing license, or
 26 both, as provided in this section. A certified birth certificate
 27 shall serve as proof that the nonresident was born in the State of
 28 Mississippi and shall be shown to the licensing agent by the
 29 nonresident when he or she purchases a resident hunting or fishing
 30 license, or both, as provided in this section.



31 (2) The commission shall have the following duties and
32 powers:

33 (a) To prescribe the forms and types of nonresident
34 licenses that a nonresident must obtain;

35 (b) To determine the total number of each type of
36 nonresident license to be issued annually;

37 (c) To establish fees for nonresident licenses and
38 the collection fees for the agent issuing such licenses; provided,
39 however, that the fee for a nonresident all game hunting license
40 shall not be less than Sixty Dollars (\$60.00);

41 (d) To exercise all incidental powers necessary to
42 develop a nonresident licensing program.

43 (3) A nonresident who violates this section or any
44 licensing regulation of the commission is guilty of a misdemeanor
45 and shall be punished as provided in Section 49-7-21(3).

46 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
47 and after July 1, 2001.

