

By: Representative Eaton

To: Game and Fish

HOUSE BILL NO. 1172

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-153, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
 2 TO ALLOW THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND
 3 PARKS TO ISSUE A NONRESIDENT LIFETIME SPORTSMAN LICENSE TO THE
 4 NONRESIDENT PARENT OR GRANDPARENT OF A CHILD WHO PRESENTS PROOF
 5 THAT HIS OR HER CHILD OR GRANDCHILD IS SERVING ON ACTIVE MILITARY
 6 DUTY IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND IS STATIONED ON A MILITARY
 7 BASE IN MISSISSIPPI; TO PROVIDE THAT THE FEE FOR THE NONRESIDENT
 8 LIFETIME SPORTSMAN LICENSE SHALL BE ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS; AND FOR
 9 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 SECTION 1. Section 49-7-153, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
 12 amended as follows:

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

26 (2) The department may issue a lifetime sportsman license at
 27 a fee to be determined by the commission at an amount not less
 28 than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for a person over twelve (12)
 29 years of age; not less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for a

30 person between the ages of two (2) years and twelve (12) years
31 inclusive; and not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for a
32 person under two (2) years of age. The department may issue a
33 golden lifetime sportsman license at a fee to be determined by the
34 commission, in an amount not less than One Thousand Dollars
35 (\$1,000.00). The categories for lifetime fishing licenses shall
36 be the same as the categories for lifetime sportsman licenses. The
37 fee for each category of lifetime fishing licenses shall be
38 one-half (1/2) of the fee for the comparable category of sportsman
39 licenses. The difference in the fee charged for the golden
40 lifetime license and the fee for a lifetime license shall be
41 considered a donation to the Wildlife Endowment Fund. All
42 lifetime licenses shall be issued from the office of the
43 department. Each application for a lifetime license must be
44 accompanied by a certified copy of the birth certificate of the
45 individual to be named as the license holder, if the individual is
46 twelve (12) years of age or under.

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

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

59 (b) The department may issue a native son or daughter
60 nonresident lifetime sportsman license. The fee shall be One
61 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). The applicant must provide a
62 certified copy of the original birth certificate showing that the

63 applicant was born in Mississippi and/or if the parents' address
64 was in Mississippi at the time of birth as shown on the birth
65 certificate.

66 (c) The department may issue a nonresident lifetime
67 sportsman license to the nonresident parent or grandparent of a
68 child who presents proof that his or her child or grandchild is
69 serving on active military duty in the State of Mississippi and is
70 stationed on a military base in Mississippi. The fee shall be One
71 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

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

76 (6) Nothing in this section exempts an applicant for a
77 lifetime license from meeting other qualifications or requirements
78 otherwise established by law for the privilege of hunting or
79 fishing.

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