

By: Representatives Creel, Janus

To: Game and Fish

HOUSE BILL NO. 1453

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 INCREASE THE LICENSE FEE TO OBTAIN A HUNTING LICENSE FOR LOUISIANA  
3 RESIDENTS TO FOUR TIMES THE AMOUNT LOUISIANA CHARGES MISSISSIPPI  
4 RESIDENTS FOR A SALTWATER FISHING LICENSE; AND FOR RELATED  
5 PURPOSES.

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

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

9 49-7-8. (1) No nonresident sixteen (16) years of age or  
10 older may hunt, fish, kill, take or trap any game animal, bird or  
11 fish without having acquired and having in his immediate  
12 possession a valid license issued by the Mississippi Commission on  
13 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

14 (2) The commission shall have the following duties and  
15 powers:

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

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

20 (c) To establish fees for nonresident licenses and  
21 the collection fees for the agent issuing such licenses; provided,  
22 however, that the fee for a nonresident all game hunting license  
23 shall not be less than Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) and the fee for a  
24 nonresident hunting license issued by Mississippi to a Louisiana  
25 resident shall be equal to the fee charged a resident of  
26 Mississippi by Louisiana for issuance of a saltwater fishing  
27 license multiplied by a factor of four (4).

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

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

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