

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2586

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-153, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO ELIMINATE NONRESIDENT LIFETIME LICENSES; TO REVISE THE  
3 CATEGORIES OF RESIDENT LIFETIME LICENSES; AND FOR RELATED  
4 PURPOSES.

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

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 hunting and fishing license by filing an application in  
10 the office of the department. The license shall qualify the  
11 licensee to take all fish, game and fowl, except waterfowl,  
12 including deer and turkey, in the manner provided by law. The  
13 license shall also permit the licensee to hunt with primitive  
14 weapons and bow and arrow, and to \* \* \* fish in the public waters  
15 of the state, including the taking of crabs, oysters, shrimp and  
16 any saltwater fish authorized to be taken under a recreational  
17 license.

18 (2) The department may issue a resident lifetime sportsman  
19 license at a fee to be determined by the commission at an amount  
20 not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for a person  
21 thirteen (13) years of age or older and not less than Five Hundred  
22 Dollars (\$500.00) for a person \* \* \* under thirteen (13) years of  
23 age. \* \* \* All lifetime licenses shall be issued from the office  
24 of the department. Each application for a lifetime license must  
25 be accompanied by a certified copy of the birth certificate of the  
26 individual to be named as the license holder, if the individual is  
27 twelve (12) years of age or under.

28           (3) The commission shall establish proof of residency  
29 requirements for the purchase of a lifetime license, and shall  
30 also establish such restrictions on and regulations for lifetime  
31 licenses as it deems necessary and proper. An applicant for a  
32 resident lifetime license must have been domiciled in this state  
33 for eighteen (18) consecutive months immediately preceding the  
34 date of his application for a license. The burden of proving  
35 domicile shall be on the applicant.

36           (4) \* \* \* (a) The department may issue a native son or  
37 daughter nonresident lifetime sportsman hunting and fishing  
38 license. The commission shall establish the fee, but the fee  
39 shall not be less than One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
40 (\$1,500.00). The applicant must provide a certified copy of the  
41 original birth certificate showing that the applicant was born in  
42 Mississippi and/or if the parents' address was in Mississippi at  
43 the time of birth as shown on the birth certificate.

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

48           (6) Nothing in this section exempts an applicant for a  
49 lifetime license from meeting other qualifications or requirements  
50 otherwise established by law for the privilege of hunting or  
51 fishing.

52           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
53 and after its passage.