

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2586
(As Sent to Governor)

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 amended 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 or other
44 documents and/or official documents reflect that one of said
45 parents was on active military service outside the State of
46 Mississippi at the time of said birth. Further, if the birth
47 certificate of each parent reflects that each parent was born in
48 the State of Mississippi, then any child born outside the State of
49 Mississippi of those parents may be issued a nonresident lifetime
50 sportsman license for the above set out fee.

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

55 (6) Nothing in this section exempts an applicant for a
56 lifetime license from meeting other qualifications or requirements
57 otherwise established by law for the privilege of hunting or
58 fishing.

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