

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2761

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND  
3 PARKS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO ALLOW THE FEEDING OF  
4 DEER; TO ALLOW THE HUNTING OF DEER OVER FEED; TO REQUIRE A PERMIT  
5 FOR SUCH FEEDING; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 49-7-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 49-7-33. (1) It is unlawful to hunt, trap or kill any wild  
10 bird or wild animal of any kind with the aid of bait, recordings  
11 of bird or animal calls, or electrically amplified imitations of  
12 calls of any kind, except a person may use electrically amplified  
13 sound devices for hunting coyote and crow. The commission, in its  
14 discretion, may relax the restrictions regarding the use of lures  
15 or sound devices if a condition arises or exists, as decided by  
16 the State Board of Health or county board of health, that may  
17 endanger persons or livestock in a certain community, county or  
18 area.

19 A person may use liquid scents for any animal or bird.

20 (2) The department and the commission shall develop a  
21 program to allow the hunting of deer over feed. The commission  
22 shall issue regulations to implement and regulate the program.

23 The commission shall:

24 (a) Require a permit for each feeding site and  
25 establish a fee for the permits;

26 (b) Require sufficient legal description or Global  
27 Positioning System coordinates of each feeding site;

28                   (c) Specify the types of feed, the manner of feeding,  
29 time and duration of feeding;

30                   (d) Require reasonable restriction of feeding site  
31 placement, taking into consideration property lines, homes, public  
32 roads; and

33                   (e) Address and any other factors deemed desirable to  
34 implement the program.

35                   (3) The commission may restrict or prohibit the feeding of  
36 deer in any area or statewide if it is necessary to properly  
37 manage the deer population or to control or eradicate disease.

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