

By: Representative Taylor

To: Game and Fish

HOUSE BILL NO. 313

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
 2 PROVIDE THAT A NATIVE-BORN MISSISSIPPIAN NONRESIDENT WHO PAYS ONE
 3 HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS OR MORE IN AD VALOREM TAXES ON REAL PROPERTY
 4 IN THE STATE MAY PURCHASE A RESIDENT HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE;
 5 TO PROVIDE THAT PROPERTY TAX RECEIPTS AND A CERTIFIED BIRTH
 6 CERTIFICATE SHALL SERVE AS PROOF OF OWNERSHIP OF REAL PROPERTY AND
 7 BIRTH IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AND SHALL BE SHOWN TO THE
 8 LICENSING AGENT WHEN PURCHASING A LICENSE; AND FOR RELATED
 9 PURPOSES.

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

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

13 49-7-8. (1) No nonresident sixteen (16) years of age or
 14 older may hunt, fish, kill, take or trap any game animal, bird or
 15 fish without having acquired and having in his immediate
 16 possession a valid license issued by the Mississippi Commission on
 17 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. A native-born Mississippian
 18 nonresident who pays One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) or more
 19 in ad valorem taxes on land or real property he or she owns in the
 20 state may purchase a resident hunting or fishing license, or both,
 21 and may lawfully hunt or fish, or both, with the resident's
 22 license in the state. The nonresident's property tax receipts
 23 from a previous year shall serve as proof of ownership of land or
 24 real property in the state and shall be shown to the licensing
 25 agent by the nonresident when he or she purchases a resident
 26 hunting or fishing license, or both, as provided in this section.
 27 A certified birth certificate shall serve as proof that the
 28 nonresident was born in the State of Mississippi and shall be
 29 shown to the licensing agent by the nonresident when he or she



30 purchases a resident hunting or fishing license, or both, as
31 provided in this section.

32 (2) The commission shall have the following duties and
33 powers:

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

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

38 (c) To establish fees for nonresident licenses and
39 the collection fees for the agent issuing such licenses; provided,
40 however, that the fee for a nonresident all game hunting license
41 shall not be less than Sixty Dollars (\$60.00);

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

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

47 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
48 and after July 1, 2002.

