By: Representative Robinson (84th)

To: Game and Fish

HOUSE BILL NO. 795

- AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND
- 3 PARKS SHALL ESTABLISH A THREE-DAY NONRESIDENT DEER HUNTING
- 4 LICENSE; TO PRESCRIBE THE FEE FOR SUCH LICENSE; AND FOR RELATED
- 5 PURPOSES.
- 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);
- 24 (d) To exercise all incidental powers necessary to
- 25 develop a nonresident licensing program.
- 26 (3) In addition to any licenses and fees as may be
- 27 established under subsection (2) of this section, the commission
- 28 shall establish a three-day nonresident deer hunting license.

- 29 Such license shall be valid for a period of three (3) consecutive
- 30 days anytime within an open season for deer. The fee for such
- 31 license shall be Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00).
- 32 (4) A nonresident who violates this section or any licensing
- 33 regulation of the commission is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall
- 34 be punished as provided in Section 49-7-21(3).
- 35 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 36 and after July 1, 2002.