

By: Representatives Stringer, Mitchell

To: Game and Fish; County
Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 865

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-201, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT REQUIRED TO BE CONTRIBUTED BY A COUNTY THAT
3 DESIRES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BEAVER CONTROL AND ERADICATION
4 PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-201, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 49-7-201. (1) There is hereby established a beaver control
9 program which shall be developed by the Beaver Control Advisory
10 Board created in Section 49-7-203 and administered by the
11 Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks with the
12 advice of the board or administered by a federal agency pursuant
13 to an agreement with the commission for such purpose. The program
14 shall be limited to the control or eradication of beavers only on
15 private lands or public lands, excluding federally owned lands but
16 including lands whereupon easements are granted to a federal
17 entity. The commission may employ such personnel as is necessary
18 to implement its duties to administer the program and set the
19 salary of such personnel subject to State Personnel Board
20 guidelines.

21 (2) Any state, local or private funds available to the
22 commission to fund the program shall be used to match federal
23 funds available for such purpose. The commission may execute such
24 agreements with any agency of the federal government as are
25 necessary to obtain federal matching funds to finance the beaver
26 control program.

27 (3) Nonfederal funds to help finance the program may be
28 obtained by the commission from the following sources:



29 (a) Appropriations by the Legislature;
30 (b) Contributions from participating counties;
31 (c) Charges on participating landowners; and/or
32 (d) Contributions from any other sources for such
33 purpose.

34 (4) (a) Any county in the state desiring to participate in
35 the program during its fiscal year shall contribute Four Thousand
36 Dollars (\$4,000.00) for such purpose from any funds available in
37 its general fund. Such county shall commit such funds to the
38 program for the ensuing fiscal year by adopting and submitting a
39 resolution to that effect on or before August 1 to the commission.
40 The commission shall establish the due date for the payment of
41 contributions by counties.

42 (b) The sum of county contributions may be matched by
43 nonfederal funds available to the state for the beaver control
44 program.

45 (5) Participating landowner means any person, corporation or
46 association owning land in this state and taking part in the
47 beaver control program.

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

