By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

## SENATE BILL NO. 2779

- AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-140, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEIZURE OF FERAL HOGS, WILD SWINE AND RUSSIAN BOARS IMPORTED INTO THE STATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 5 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-140, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 6 amended as follows:
- 7 49-7-140. (1) No person may import into the state, or
- 8 release into the wild, any live feral hog, wild swine or Russian
- 9 Boar.
- 10 (2) Any feral hog, wild swine or Russian Boar imported into
- 11 the state shall be seized by the department for disposal or
- 12 <u>destruction</u>.
- 13 (3) For the purposes of this section, "feral hogs, wild
- 14 swine, or Russian Boar" are defined as any hog that is not a
- 15 domesticated pet or livestock; and "released into the wild" is
- 16 defined as being able to move about freely to adjoining land.
- 17 (4) A violation of this section is a Class I violation
- 18 punishable as provided in Section 49-7-141.
- 19 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 20 and after its passage.