

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2792

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-4-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT HUNTING ACCIDENT REPORTS SHALL NOT BE A PUBLIC
3 RECORD; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-4-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 49-4-31. Upon notification by a duly authorized law
8 enforcement officer of a death or injury that occurred by use of a
9 weapon by any person engaged in hunting, a hunter safety officer
10 of the department shall immediately initiate an investigation of
11 the incident and shall submit a report to the executive director
12 of the department. The executive director shall submit the report
13 to the commission. Hunting accident reports shall not be a public
14 record nor made available for public distribution, except as
15 otherwise provided by law. If the commission determines there is
16 probable cause to believe that the accident occurred as a result
17 of culpable negligence on the part of the person causing the death
18 or injury, the commission shall notify the district attorney of
19 the circuit court district in which the incident occurred.

20 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
21 and after its passage.

