

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2974

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 ESTABLISH A MINIMUM FEE FOR NONRESIDENT DUCK HUNTING LICENSES AND
3 FRESHWATER FISHING LICENSES; TO DIRECT THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE,
4 FISHERIES AND PARKS TO CHARGE RECIPROCAL FEES; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

6 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 the
21 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) The fee for the following nonresident licenses
25 shall be Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) for a seven-day duck
26 hunting license, One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for an annual
27 duck hunting license and Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) for an annual



28 freshwater fishing license, unless the commission has a
29 reciprocity agreement with a state.

30 (e) To exercise all incidental powers necessary to
31 develop a nonresident licensing program.

32 (3) 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.

