MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

## SENATE BILL NO. 3003

AN ACT TO CREATE SECTION 49-7-54, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, 1 TO PROHIBIT THE IMPORTATION AND TRANSLOCATION OF WHITE-TAILED DEER 2 INTO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR UNIVERSITY RESEARCH FACILITIES UPON APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION; TO 3 4 REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO DEVELOP REGULATIONS WITH EMPHASIS ON 5 PREVENTING THE INTRODUCTION OF DISEASES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. 6 7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section 8 49-7-54, Mississippi Code of 1972: 9 10 49-7-54. It is unlawful to import and translocate live white-tailed deer into this state, except that university research 11 facilities may import live white-tailed deer upon prior approval 12 of the commission. The commission shall establish regulations 13

14 governing the importation of white-tailed deer with emphasis on 15 preventing the introduction of diseases.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from 17 and after its passage.