MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE             REGULAR SESSION 2003
By: Representative Moore (100th)       To: Game and Fish

HOUSE BILL NO. 1064

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-5-77, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TO
OBTAIN LAND FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 49-5-77, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
amended as follows:

49-5-77. (1) The commission is hereby empowered and
authorized to establish a fund to be known as the Wildlife
Heritage Fund to be deposited in an approved state depository and
expended by appropriation approved by the Legislature as provided
by law. The interest obtained from any investment or deposit of
monies in such fund shall be deposited by the commission into such
fund.

(2) The commission is empowered and authorized, in addition
to such sums as may be appropriated from time to time by the
Legislature, to accept from any person, firm, corporation or
agency of government, national, state or local any gifts or
devise, lands, money for the purpose of acquiring by lease, or
purchase any area for hunting or fishing use, outdoor recreation,
or for the preservation of any species of wildlife or fish. Such
lands and waters as are acquired under the provisions of Sections
49-5-61 through 49-5-85 and Section 49-5-78 shall be under the
administration and control of the commission until a proper plan
shall be developed for the land or water. The commission shall
enter into an agreement with an appropriate agency in the
executive branch to develop a plan for the land or water. After
the plan is developed, the land or water shall be transferred to
the administration and control of the department or other
appropriate agency in the executive branch to be managed by the
agency according to the plan.

(3) The commission is authorized and empowered to accept and
earmark for any purpose, not inconsistent with the provisions of
Sections 49-5-61 through 49-5-85, any gift or devise, lands or
money from any person, firm, corporation or governmental unit on
such terms and conditions as the donor may designate.

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