

By: Representative Davis (By Request)

To: Game and Fish

HOUSE BILL NO. 1118

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 49-7-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 EXEMPT RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD WHO ARE
3 AT LEAST FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF
4 PURCHASING OR HAVING IN HIS OR HER POSSESSION A HUNTING AND
5 FISHING LICENSE WHILE ENGAGED IN SUCH ACTIVITIES; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 49-7-5. (1) (a) Any resident, as defined in Section
11 49-7-3, upon application, shall receive a combination resident
12 hunting and fishing license for the sum of Seventeen Dollars
13 (\$17.00). Such license shall qualify the licensee to hunt under
14 this chapter all game and fowl, including deer and turkey, and to
15 fish in any county of the state.

16 (b) Any resident, as defined in Section 49-7-3, upon
17 application, shall receive a resident combination small game
18 hunting and fishing license for the sum of Thirteen Dollars
19 (\$13.00) together with the fee provided in Section 49-7-17 to the
20 office or agent issuing such license. Such hunting license shall
21 qualify the licensee to hunt and fish under this chapter all game
22 and fowl, except deer and turkey, in any county in the state.

23 (c) Any resident of the State of Mississippi, as
24 defined in Section 49-7-3, upon application, shall receive a
25 resident small game license, and for it shall pay the issuing
26 officer or agent the sum of Thirteen Dollars (\$13.00), together
27 with the fee provided in Section 49-7-17 to the officer or agent
28 issuing such license. Such hunting license shall qualify the
29 person holding the same to hunt under the provisions of this



30 chapter, and in season, all game and fowl, except deer and turkey,
31 in any county in the state.

32 (d) Any resident, as defined in Section 49-7-3, upon
33 application, shall receive a sportsman's license for the sum of
34 Thirty-two Dollars (\$32.00). Such license shall qualify the
35 licensee to hunt under this chapter all game and fowl, including
36 deer and turkey, and to fish as provided by law, in any county in
37 the state, and to hunt using primitive weapons and bow and arrow
38 in the manner provided by law. The commission may notify the
39 licensee of the expiration of his license, and the licensee may
40 renew the license by mailing the sum of Thirty-two Dollars
41 (\$32.00) to the commission. A licensee who has not renewed the
42 license within thirty (30) days after the expiration date shall be
43 removed from the commission's records, and the licensee must apply
44 to be placed on the renewal list.

45 (2) (a) Any resident citizen of the State of Mississippi
46 who has not reached the age of sixteen (16) years or who has
47 reached the age of sixty-five (65) years, or any resident citizen
48 who is blind, paraplegic, or a multiple amputee, or who has been
49 adjudged by the Veterans Administration as having a total
50 service-connected disability, or has been adjudged to be totally
51 disabled by the Social Security Administration, or is a retired
52 member of the Mississippi National Guard who is at least
53 fifty-five (55) years of age shall not be required to purchase or
54 have in his possession, a hunting or fishing license while engaged
55 in such activities. A person exempt by reason of total
56 service-connected disability, as adjudged by the Veterans
57 Administration or who has been adjudged to be totally disabled by
58 the Social Security Administration or who is blind, paraplegic or
59 a multiple amputee, shall have in their possession and on their
60 person proof of their age, residency, disability status or other
61 respective physical impairment while engaged in the activities of
62 hunting or fishing.



63 (b) All exempt hunting and fishing licenses previously
64 issued for disabilities shall be null and void effective July 1,
65 1993.

66 (c) The commission may offer a youth all-game hunting
67 and fishing license for exempt youths who have a hunter education
68 certificate and an all-game hunting and fishing license for other
69 persons exempted under paragraph (a). Youths and other exempt
70 persons shall not be required to purchase this license or have it
71 in possession while hunting or fishing. The commission may
72 establish a fee not to exceed Five Dollars (\$5.00) for such
73 licenses.

74 (3) No license shall be required of residents to hunt, fish
75 or trap on lands in which the record title is vested in such
76 person.

77 (4) Any person or persons exempt under this section from
78 procuring a license shall be subject to and must comply with all
79 other terms and provisions of this chapter.

80 (5) Any person authorized to issue any license under this
81 section may collect and retain for the issuance of each license
82 the additional fee authorized under Section 49-7-17.

83 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
84 and after July 1, 2003.

