

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2212

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT THE FOUR-POINT RESTRICTION ON BUCK DEER SHALL NOT
3 APPLY DURING SPECIAL YOUTH HUNTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 49-7-41. (1) The commission may set the bag limits for game
8 animals, birds and fish, unless the bag limits are established by
9 the Legislature by statute. This subsection shall stand repealed
10 on July 1, 2004.

11 (2) (a) The bag limit on antlered buck deer is one (1) buck
12 per day, not to exceed three (3) per license year. An antlered
13 buck deer must have antlers of four (4) points or greater to be
14 taken. This four (4) points or greater restriction shall not
15 apply to special youth hunts established by the commission.

16 (b) The bag limit on antlerless deer is one (1) per
17 day, not to exceed three (3) per license year; except that two (2)
18 additional antlerless deer per license year may be taken with a
19 bow and arrow. Antlerless deer may be taken only in the areas
20 prescribed by order of the commission. It is illegal to take a
21 spotted fawn in any season.

22 (c) It is unlawful for a nonresident to kill an
23 antlerless deer except: (i) a nonresident may take antlerless
24 deer on lands that the title is vested in the nonresident or on
25 lands that the nonresident has leased the hunting and fishing
26 rights; or (ii) a nonresident who has a native son or daughter
27 nonresident lifetime sportsman license or a resident lifetime



28 sportsman license may take antlerless deer on private lands,
29 wildlife management areas or national wildlife refuges.

30 (3) The bag limit on antlerless deer set by this section
31 shall not apply to private lands under the deer management
32 assistance program or the fee-based antlerless program as approved
33 by the department.

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

