SENATE BILL NO. 2527

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-140, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEIZURE OF FERAL HOGS, WILD SWINE AND RUSSIAN BOARS IMPORTED INTO THE STATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 49-7-140, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-7-140. (1) No person may import into the state, or release into the wild, any live feral hog, wild swine or Russian Boar.

(2) Any feral hog, wild swine or Russian Boar imported into the state shall be seized by the department for disposal or destruction.

(3) For the purposes of this section, "feral hogs, wild swine, or Russian Boar" are defined as any hog that is not a domesticated pet or livestock; and "released into the wild" is defined as being able to move about freely to adjoining land.

(4) A violation of this section is a Class I violation punishable as provided in Section 49-7-141.

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