

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2530

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-161, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF DUCK STAMP; TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-163,  
3 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE,  
4 FISHERIES AND PARKS TO ISSUE AN ELECTRONIC DUCK STAMP; AND FOR  
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-161, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 49-7-161. For purposes of Sections 49-7-161 through  
10 49-7-173, unless the context otherwise requires, the following  
11 terms shall have the meaning described herein:

12 (a) "Migratory waterfowl" means any wild goose, brant  
13 or wild duck.

14 (b) "Commission" means the Mississippi Commission on  
15 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

16 (c) "Stamp" means the state migratory waterfowl stamp  
17 or the electronic equivalent furnished by the commission.

18 **SECTION 2.** Section 49-7-163, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
19 amended as follows:

20 49-7-163. It is unlawful for any person sixteen (16) years  
21 of age or older to hunt or take any migratory waterfowl within  
22 this state without first procuring a state migratory waterfowl  
23 stamp or its electronic equivalent and having the stamp or proof  
24 of purchase of the electronic equivalent in his possession while  
25 hunting or taking any migratory waterfowl. Any penalty for not  
26 having the stamp in possession while engaged in hunting or taking  
27 migratory waterfowl shall be waived if the person can verify  
28 purchase of a stamp prior to the date of the violation. Each



29 stamp shall be validated by the signature of the licensee written  
30 across the face of the stamp or the proof of purchase of the  
31 electronic equivalent. The commission shall determine the form of  
32 the stamp and the electronic equivalent and shall furnish the  
33 stamps to bonded agents for issuance or sale in the same manner as  
34 other types of licenses or cause the electronic equivalent to  
35 accrue to the purchaser's benefit when purchasing a license from  
36 an automated point of sale vendor.

37       **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
38 and after July 1, 2003.

