

By: Senator(s) Farris

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2556

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-148, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TO  
3 ALLOW HANDICAPPED OR ELDERLY HUNTERS TO USE ATV'S IN WILDLIFE  
4 MANAGEMENT AREAS DURING HUNTING SEASON FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES; AND  
5 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-148, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 49-7-148. The Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks  
10 may provide handicapped hunters and elderly hunters reasonable  
11 access to hunting areas in public wildlife management areas under  
12 its jurisdiction. The Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks  
13 shall promulgate rules and regulations for reasonable access and  
14 include a definition of "handicapped hunters" as used in this  
15 section. "Elderly hunter" means any person sixty-five (65) years  
16 of age or older. The department shall allow such hunters to use  
17 all-terrain vehicles in wildlife management areas during hunting  
18 season to transport stands, equipment or game.

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

