

By: Senator(s) Williamson, Dawkins, Jackson

To: Agriculture

SENATE BILL NO. 2768

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT STATE REGULATIONS GOVERNING FREE RANGE
2 POULTRY SHALL BE NO MORE STRINGENT THAN FEDERAL REGULATIONS ON
3 FREE RANGE CHICKENS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) Any regulations or best management practices
6 adopted by the Commissioner of Agriculture regulating free range
7 poultry shall be no more stringent or extensive in scope,
8 coverage, or effect than federal regulations and best management
9 practices.

10 (2) If federal regulations or recommended best management
11 practices do not address a matter relating to free range poultry,
12 the Commissioner of Agriculture may adopt regulations or best
13 management practices necessary to protect human health, safety or
14 the environment.

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

