

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2780

1 AN ACT TO REGULATE ENCLOSURES CONTAINING CERVIDS THAT ARE
2 SUSCEPTIBLE TO CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE; TO REQUIRE FENCING
3 RESTRICTIONS; TO REQUIRE OWNERS TO KEEP RECORDS; TO AUTHORIZE THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TO DISPOSE OF ANIMALS
5 UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) Any person who erects a fence that prevents
8 the free egress of deer from an enclosed area shall notify and
9 register with the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.
10 The person shall give his name, the location of the enclosure, the
11 acreage within the enclosure, and whether any deer have been
12 imported into the state and placed in the enclosure, and any other
13 information required by the Commissioner on Wildlife, Fisheries
14 and Parks.

15 (2) Persons who constructed an enclosure prior to July 1,
16 2003, shall have until January 1, 2004, to notify and provide the
17 information required under this section.

18 (3) Any person importing deer shall keep such detailed
19 records as the department may require. The person shall use
20 acceptable hunting and wildlife management practices as may be
21 determined by the department.

22 (4) The department may test any white-tailed deer within the
23 enclosure for chronic wasting disease or other disease, and
24 department personnel are specifically granted the authority to
25 enter such enclosures to conduct such inspections and tests. If
26 any deer within an enclosure is diagnosed with chronic wasting
27 disease, the department may depopulate the white-tailed deer
28 within the enclosure.



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

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

