SENATE BILL NO. 2797

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW THE USE OF BAIT TO TRAP WILD HOGS WHEN THERE IS NO OPEN HUNTING SEASON FOR TURKEY OR DEER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 49-7-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-7-33. (1) It is unlawful to hunt, trap or kill any wild bird or wild animal of any kind with the aid of bait, recordings of bird or animal calls, or electrically amplified imitations of calls of any kind, except a person may use electrically amplified sound devices for hunting coyote and crow. The commission, in its discretion, may relax the restrictions regarding the use of lures or sound devices if a condition arises or exists, as decided by the State Board of Health or county board of health, that may endanger persons or livestock in a certain community, county or area.

(2) A person may use liquid scents for any animal or bird.

(3) A person may use bait to trap wild hogs as defined in Section 49-7-140 during the period between the end of Spring turkey season and the beginning of deer season.

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