

By: Senator(s) Stogner

To: Wildlife and Fisheries;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2825

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-5-77, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TO
3 OBTAIN LAND FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-5-77, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 49-5-77. (1) The commission is hereby empowered and
8 authorized to establish a fund to be known as the Wildlife
9 Heritage Fund to be deposited in an approved state depository and
10 expended by appropriation approved by the Legislature as provided
11 by law. The interest obtained from any investment or deposit of
12 monies in such fund shall be deposited by the commission into such
13 fund.

14 (2) The commission is empowered and authorized, in addition
15 to such sums as may be appropriated from time to time by the
16 Legislature, to accept from any person, firm, corporation or
17 agency of government, national, state or local any gifts or
18 devise, lands, money for the purpose of acquiring by lease, or
19 purchase any area for hunting or fishing use, outdoor recreation,
20 or for the preservation of any species of wildlife or fish. Such
21 lands and waters as are acquired under the provisions of Sections
22 49-5-61 through 49-5-85 and Section 49-5-78 shall be under the
23 administration and control of the commission until a proper plan
24 shall be developed for the land or water. The commission shall
25 enter into an agreement with an appropriate agency in the
26 executive branch to develop a plan for the land or water. After
27 the plan is developed, the land or water shall be transferred to



28 the administration and control of the department or other
29 appropriate agency in the executive branch to be managed by the
30 agency according to the plan.

31 (3) The commission is authorized and empowered to accept and
32 earmark for any purpose, not inconsistent with the provisions of
33 Sections 49-5-61 through 49-5-85, any gift or devise, lands or
34 money from any person, firm, corporation or governmental unit on
35 such terms and conditions as the donor may designate.

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

