

By: Representative McCoy

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 804

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-38, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR ISSUANCE BY THE COMMISSION ON
3 WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS OF SPECIAL LICENSES ALLOWING
4 DISABLED PERSONS TO HUNT WITH A CROSSBOW; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 49-7-38. The commission is hereby authorized and empowered
10 to issue a special license to hunt deer, turkey and small game
11 with a crossbow to any person sixty-five (65) years of age or
12 older or to any person having a disability which totally and
13 permanently prevents the person from using a long bow or other
14 conventional archery equipment as first certified by a physician
15 duly licensed to practice medicine in this state or, if the
16 license applicant is a nonresident, in the applicant's state of
17 residence. The physician's certificate shall be on the
18 physician's letterhead or on a form prepared or approved by the
19 commission. The commission shall designate the fee for the
20 license. The commission shall set the crossbow season for small
21 game. A special licensee under this section may take deer or
22 turkey with a crossbow during the respective seasons on deer and
23 turkey.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after July 1, 2004.