

By: Representative McCoy

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 804  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-38, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REVISE NUMBER OF PHYSICIANS REQUIRED TO CERTIFY DISABILITY FOR A  
3 PERSON TO USE CROSSBOW WHEN HUNTING; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

7 49-7-38. (1) The commission may issue a special license to  
8 hunt deer, turkey and small game with a crossbow to any person  
9 sixty-five (65) years of age or older or to any person having a  
10 disability which totally and permanently prevents the person from  
11 using a longbow or other conventional archery equipment as first  
12 certified by one (1) physician duly licensed to practice medicine  
13 in the state. The commission shall designate the fee for the  
14 license. The commission shall set the crossbow season for small  
15 game. A special licensee under this section may take deer or  
16 turkey with a crossbow during the respective seasons on deer and  
17 turkey.

18 (2) This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1,  
19 2005.

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