

By: Representative McBride

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 986

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROHIBITS A NONRESIDENT FROM KILLING
3 ANTLERLESS DEER EXCEPT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 49-7-41. (1) The commission may set the bag limits for game
9 animals, birds and fish, unless the bag limits are established by
10 the Legislature by statute.

11 (2) (a) The bag limit on antlered deer is one (1) per day,
12 not to exceed three (3) per license year. An antlered deer must
13 have antlers of four (4) points or greater to be taken except as
14 provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection.

15 (b) An antlered deer with less than four (4) points may
16 be taken by permit if it is necessary to manage deer on lands
17 under the deer management assistance program or wildlife
18 management areas. A written management justification issued by
19 the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks must accompany any
20 request for such a permit. Any antlered deer with less than four
21 (4) points harvested under this permit must be identified with a
22 tag immediately upon possession. Antlered deer taken by permit
23 shall be subject to the daily bag limit but shall not be subject
24 to the annual bag limit on antlered deer. The department shall
25 include a report on permits issued, to whom issued and deer
26 harvested in the department's annual deer program report.

27 (3) * * * The bag limit on antlerless deer is one (1) per
28 day, not to exceed three (3) per license year; except that two (2)

29 additional antlerless deer per license year may be taken with a
30 bow and arrow. Antlerless deer may be taken only in the areas
31 prescribed by order of the commission. It is illegal to take a
32 spotted fawn in any season.

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34 (4) The bag limit on antlerless deer set by this section
35 shall not apply to private lands under the deer management
36 assistance program or the fee-based antlerless program as approved
37 by the department.

38 (5) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2005.

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