

By: Representative Arinder

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 1020

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES  
2 AND PARKS SHALL ISSUE SPECIAL PERMITS TO ALLOW DISABLED PERSONS TO  
3 OPERATE ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS; TO  
4 PRESCRIBE FEES FOR THE SPECIAL PERMITS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) Upon application by any resident of the  
7 State of Mississippi, as defined under Section 49-7-3, who holds a  
8 valid hunting license and who has a disability that limits or  
9 impairs the ability to walk, the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries  
10 and Parks shall issue a special permit to allow such person to  
11 operate an all-terrain vehicle on any part of a wildlife  
12 management area under the jurisdiction of the commission that is  
13 open to hunting. The application shall be accompanied by the  
14 certification of a licensed physician that the applicant has a  
15 disability that limits or impairs the applicant's ability to walk.  
16 The commission may charge a fee of not more than Five Dollars  
17 (\$5.00) for each such permit. The special permit must be in the  
18 immediate possession of such person while operating such vehicle  
19 on a wildlife management area.

20 (2) For the purposes of this act, the term "all-terrain  
21 vehicle" means any motorized vehicle manufactured and designed  
22 exclusively for off-road use that is fifty (50) inches or less in  
23 width, has an unladen dry weight of six hundred (600) pounds or  
24 less, travels on three (3), four (4) or more low pressure tires,  
25 has a seat designed to be straddled by the operator and uses  
26 handlebars for steering control.

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