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To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 1306
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE RIGHT OF ALL CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF
2 MISSISSIPPI TO HUNT, FISH AND HARVEST GAME IN THIS STATE; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. All citizens of the State of Mississippi shall
6 have the right to hunt, fish and harvest game in this state
7 subject only to such restrictions and regulations as may be
8 enacted by the Legislature or the United States Congress.

9 SECTION 2. The Legislature directs the Director of the
10 Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to promulgate policies
11 to allow for the participants of one-day fishing events sponsored
12 by charitable groups to fish without a license. This policy shall
13 apply to all persons under the age of twenty-one (21) or all
14 persons participating in a parent-child theme event fishing from a
15 bank, pier, dock or electric motor-driven boat.

16 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
17 and after July 1, 2004.