

By: Senator(s) Chamberlin

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

SENATE BILL NO. 2017

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TO CHARGE
3 RECIPROCAL FEES FOR A NONRESIDENT HUNTING LICENSE; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

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

8 49-7-8. (1) No nonresident sixteen (16) years of age or
9 older may hunt, fish, kill, take or trap any game animal, bird or
10 fish without having acquired and having in his immediate
11 possession a valid license issued by the Mississippi Commission on
12 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

13 (2) The commission shall have the following duties and
14 powers:

15 (a) To prescribe the forms and types of nonresident
16 licenses that a nonresident must obtain;

17 (b) To determine the total number of each type of
18 nonresident license to be issued annually;

19 (c) To establish fees for nonresident licenses and the
20 collection fees for the agent issuing such licenses. * * * The
21 fee for a nonresident all game hunting license shall not be less
22 than Sixty Dollars (\$60.00), except if a state charges Mississippi
23 residents a higher fee, then the commission shall require an equal
24 fee for residents of that state;

25 (d) To exercise all incidental powers necessary to
26 develop a nonresident licensing program.

27 (3) A nonresident who violates this section or any licensing
28 regulation of the commission is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall
29 be punished as provided in Section 49-7-21 * * *.

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