

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2806

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-153, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIVE SON OR DAUGHTER NONRESIDENT
3 LIFETIME SPORTSMAN HUNTING LICENSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-153, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 49-7-153. (1) Any resident may purchase a lifetime
8 sportsman hunting and fishing license by filing an application in
9 the office of the department. The license shall qualify the
10 licensee to take all fish, game and fowl, except waterfowl,
11 including deer and turkey, in the manner provided by law. The
12 license shall also permit the licensee to hunt with primitive
13 weapons and bow and arrow, and to fish in the public waters of the
14 state, including the taking of crabs, oysters, shrimp and any
15 saltwater fish authorized to be taken under a recreational
16 license.

17 (2) The department may issue a resident lifetime sportsman
18 license at a fee to be determined by the commission at an amount
19 not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for a person
20 thirteen (13) years of age or older and not less than Five Hundred
21 Dollars (\$500.00) for a person under thirteen (13) years of age.
22 All lifetime licenses shall be issued from the office of the
23 department. Each application for a lifetime license must be
24 accompanied by a certified copy of the birth certificate of the
25 individual to be named as the license holder, if the individual is
26 twelve (12) years of age or under.

27 (3) The commission shall establish proof of residency
28 requirements for the purchase of a lifetime license, and shall
29 also establish such restrictions on and regulations for lifetime
30 licenses as it deems necessary and proper. An applicant for a
31 resident lifetime license must have been domiciled in this state
32 for eighteen (18) consecutive months immediately preceding the
33 date of his application for a license. The burden of proving
34 domicile shall be on the applicant.

35 (4) (a) The department may issue a native son or daughter
36 nonresident lifetime sportsman hunting and fishing license. The
37 commission shall establish the fee, but the fee shall not be less
38 than One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). The applicant
39 must provide a certified copy of the original birth certificate
40 showing that the applicant was born in Mississippi and/or if the
41 parents' address was in Mississippi at the time of birth as shown
42 on the birth certificate or other documents and/or official
43 documents reflect that one of said parents was on active military
44 service outside the State of Mississippi at the time of said
45 birth. Further, if the birth certificate of one parent reflects
46 that the parent was born in the State of Mississippi, and if
47 either parent is a resident of the State of Mississippi, then the
48 applicant may be issued a native son or daughter nonresident
49 lifetime sportsman license * * *.

50 (5) Any materially false statement contained in an
51 application for a lifetime license renders void the license issued
52 pursuant to that application, and subjects the applicant to
53 criminal prosecution under Section 49-7-45.

54 (6) Nothing in this section exempts an applicant for a
55 lifetime license from meeting other qualifications or requirements
56 otherwise established by law for the privilege of hunting or
57 fishing.

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