

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

SENATE BILL NO. 2847

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE A PERMIT FOR FALL TURKEY HUNTING SEASON; AND FOR RELATED
3 PURPOSES.

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

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

7 49-7-5. (1) (a) Any resident, as defined in Section
8 49-7-3, upon application, shall receive a combination resident
9 hunting and fishing license for the sum of Seventeen Dollars
10 (\$17.00). Such license shall qualify the licensee to hunt under
11 this chapter all game and fowl, including deer and turkey, and to
12 fish in any county of the state.

13 (b) Any resident, as defined in Section 49-7-3, upon
14 application, shall receive a resident combination small game
15 hunting and fishing license for the sum of Thirteen Dollars
16 (\$13.00) together with the fee provided in Section 49-7-17 to the
17 office or agent issuing such license. Such hunting license shall
18 qualify the licensee to hunt and fish under this chapter all game
19 and fowl, except deer and turkey, in any county in the state.

20 (c) Any resident of the State of Mississippi, as
21 defined in Section 49-7-3, upon application, shall receive a
22 resident small game license, and for it shall pay the issuing
23 officer or agent the sum of Thirteen Dollars (\$13.00), together
24 with the fee provided in Section 49-7-17 to the officer or agent
25 issuing such license. Such hunting license shall qualify the
26 person holding the same to hunt under the provisions of this

27 chapter, and in season, all game and fowl, except deer and turkey,
28 in any county in the state.

29 (d) Any resident, as defined in Section 49-7-3, upon
30 application, shall receive a sportsman's license for the sum of
31 Thirty-two Dollars (\$32.00). Such license shall qualify the
32 licensee to hunt under this chapter all game and fowl, including
33 deer and turkey, and to fish as provided by law, in any county in
34 the state, and to hunt using primitive weapons and bow and arrow
35 in the manner provided by law. The commission may notify the
36 licensee of the expiration of his license, and the licensee may
37 renew the license by mailing the sum of Thirty-two Dollars
38 (\$32.00) to the commission. A licensee who has not renewed the
39 license within thirty (30) days after the expiration date shall be
40 removed from the commission's records, and the licensee must apply
41 to be placed on the renewal list.

42 (e) In addition to a hunting license allowing the
43 taking of turkey, a resident who hunts turkey during a fall turkey
44 season must purchase a fall turkey hunting permit for a fee of
45 Five Dollars (\$5.00) plus the fee provided in Section 49-7-17. A
46 resident sportsman's licensee may hunt during the fall turkey
47 season without purchasing a permit.

48 (2) (a) Any resident citizen of the State of Mississippi
49 who has not reached the age of sixteen (16) years or who has
50 reached the age of sixty-five (65) years, or any resident citizen
51 who is blind, paraplegic, or a multiple amputee, or who has been
52 adjudged by the Veterans Administration as having a total
53 service-connected disability, or has been adjudged to be totally
54 disabled by the Social Security Administration shall not be
55 required to purchase or have in his possession, a hunting or
56 fishing license while engaged in such activities. A person exempt
57 by reason of total service-connected disability, as adjudged by
58 the Veterans Administration or who has been adjudged to be totally
59 disabled by the Social Security Administration or who is blind,

60 paraplegic or a multiple amputee, shall have in their possession
61 and on their person proof of their age, residency, disability
62 status or other respective physical impairment while engaged in
63 the activities of hunting or fishing.

64 (b) All exempt hunting and fishing licenses previously
65 issued for disabilities shall be null and void effective July 1,
66 1993.

67 (c) The commission may offer a youth all-game hunting
68 and fishing license for exempt youths who have a hunter education
69 certificate and an all-game hunting and fishing license for other
70 persons exempted under paragraph (a). Youths and other exempt
71 persons shall not be required to purchase this license or have it
72 in possession while hunting or fishing. The commission may
73 establish a fee not to exceed Five Dollars (\$5.00) for such
74 licenses.

75 (3) No license shall be required of residents to hunt, fish
76 or trap on lands in which the record title is vested in such
77 person.

78 (4) Any person or persons exempt under this section from
79 procuring a license shall be subject to and must comply with all
80 other terms and provisions of this chapter.

81 (5) Any person authorized to issue any license under this
82 section may collect and retain for the issuance of each license
83 the additional fee authorized under Section 49-7-17.

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