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To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
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 or resident lifetime sportsman  
47 licensee may hunt during the fall turkey season without purchasing  
48 a permit.

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

60 disabled by the Social Security Administration or who is blind,  
61 paraplegic or a multiple amputee, shall have in their possession  
62 and on their person proof of their age, residency, disability  
63 status or other respective physical impairment while engaged in  
64 the activities of hunting or fishing.

65 (b) All exempt hunting and fishing licenses previously  
66 issued for disabilities shall be null and void effective July 1,  
67 1993.

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

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

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

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

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