

By: Representative McBride

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 575

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROHIBITS A NONRESIDENT FROM KILLING
3 ANTLERLESS DEER EXCEPT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO DELETE THE
4 REPEALER ON THE SECTION OF LAW THAT ESTABLISHES THE BAG LIMIT ON
5 DEER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 49-7-41. (1) The commission may set the bag limits for game
10 animals, birds and fish, unless the bag limits are established by
11 the Legislature by statute.

12 (2) (a) The bag limit on antlered deer is one (1) per day,
13 not to exceed three (3) per license year. An antlered deer must
14 have antlers of four (4) points or greater to be taken except as
15 provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection.

16 (b) An antlered deer with less than four (4) points may
17 be taken by permit if it is necessary to manage deer on lands
18 under the deer management assistance program or wildlife
19 management areas. A written management justification issued by
20 the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks must accompany any
21 request for such a permit. Any antlered deer with less than four
22 (4) points harvested under this permit must be identified with a
23 tag immediately upon possession. Antlered deer taken by permit
24 shall be subject to the daily bag limit but shall not be subject
25 to the annual bag limit on antlered deer. The department shall
26 include a report on permits issued, to whom issued and deer
27 harvested in the department's annual deer program report.

28 (3) * * * The bag limit on antlerless deer is one (1) per
29 day, not to exceed three (3) per license year; except that two (2)
30 additional antlerless deer per license year may be taken with a
31 bow and arrow. Antlerless deer may be taken only in the areas
32 prescribed by order of the commission. It is illegal to take a
33 spotted fawn in any season.

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35 (4) The bag limit on antlerless deer set by this section
36 shall not apply to private lands under the deer management
37 assistance program or the fee-based antlerless program as approved
38 by the department.

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40 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
41 and after July 1, 2005.