

By: Representative McBride

To: Fees and Salaries of  
Public Officers;  
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 576

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-1-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 INCREASE THE SALARY OF CONSERVATION OFFICERS; AND FOR RELATED  
3 PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-1-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 49-1-13. The director is hereby authorized and directed to  
8 appoint as many conservation officers as may be required to  
9 efficiently enforce the laws for the protection of wild animals,  
10 birds and fish, and the laws relating to theft of cattle, trespass  
11 prohibitions and litter. These officers shall be located in  
12 different sections of the state where their services are most  
13 needed. Conservation officers shall police the state lands in  
14 their respective districts and prohibit the unlawful cutting of  
15 timber. The salary of the conservation officers shall be as  
16 determined by the State Personnel Board, or its successor.  
17 However, beginning July 1, 2005, the amount of the annual salary  
18 of the conservation officers shall be increased by One Thousand  
19 Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) over the amount that the officers  
20 were receiving on June 30, 2005.

21 Each conservation officer and supervisor shall be furnished  
22 an allowance for uniforms not to exceed the amount specified in  
23 the appropriation bill.

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