

By: Representative Mayo

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 1360

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-5-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REVISE THE BOUNTY AMOUNT THAT ANY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY OFFER  
3 FOR BEAVER, NUTRIA AND BOBCATS; TO REVISE THE BOUNTY AMOUNT THAT  
4 THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS MAY  
5 OFFER FOR BEAVER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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8 **SECTION 1.** Section 19-5-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
9 amended as follows:

10 19-5-51. Any board of supervisors may, in its discretion, by  
11 appropriate resolution spread upon its minutes, offer a bounty not  
12 to exceed Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for each nutria, beaver or  
13 bobcat destroyed, where such board finds and determines that  
14 nutria, beaver or bobcats are in such quantities that the  
15 preservation of trees and other properties requires such bounties  
16 to be offered. Upon presentation to the sheriff of the complete  
17 tail of a nutria, beaver or bobcat, the sheriff shall execute a  
18 receipt therefor. Upon filing of such receipt with the chancery  
19 clerk, the amount of such bounty may be allowed by the board of  
20 supervisors as are other accounts against the county.

21 There is further provided a bounty on beaver not to exceed  
22 Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for each beaver to be paid in the  
23 following manner: upon the presentation of the tail of any  
24 beaver, any conservation officer of the state shall issue a  
25 receipt in such form as prescribed by the Mississippi Commission  
26 on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to the person presenting such  
27 tail. The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks  
28 shall redeem such receipts by paying to such person a sum not to

29 exceed Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for each such receipt as bounty.  
30 The redemption of such receipts shall be paid only from funds  
31 especially appropriated for this purpose and it is expressly  
32 provided that no such bounty shall be paid from any regular  
33 receipts, funds and appropriations of the Mississippi Department  
34 of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

35 For the purposes of carrying out the purposes of this  
36 section, the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and  
37 Parks and the State Forestry Commission are authorized, empowered  
38 and directed, when requested by the board of supervisors or any  
39 property owner, to utilize funds, personnel and equipment under  
40 reasonable terms and conditions.

41 No bounty shall be paid when funds, personnel or equipment of  
42 the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, the  
43 State Forestry Commission or the county are employed in capturing  
44 and killing such animals.

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