

By: Representative Robinson (84th)

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 1418

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-38, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 ALLOW THE USE OF A CROSSBOW TO HUNT DEER, TURKEY AND SMALL GAME;
3 TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TO
4 ISSUE PERMITS AND REGULATE USE OF CROSSBOWS; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 49-7-38. (1) The commission may issue a crossbow permit to
10 hunt deer, turkey and small game with a crossbow during the open
11 season on deer and turkey. Any person, including a person exempt
12 from having a hunting license, must obtain a permit to hunt with a
13 crossbow. A person required to have a hunting license must have a
14 license to take deer and turkey in order to obtain a crossbow
15 permit. The commission shall establish a fee for the permit. The
16 commission shall set the crossbow season for small game. * * *

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