

By: Representative Robinson (84th)

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 1446  
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 ALLOW TRAPPERS TO SELL SKINS AND MEAT AFTER THE CLOSE OF TRAPPING  
3 SEASON; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 49-7-13. (1) Any resident of the state sixteen (16) years  
8 of age or older, upon application, is entitled to receive a state  
9 trapper's license with tag for the sum of Twenty-five Dollars  
10 (\$25.00), together with the fee provided in Section 49-7-17 to the  
11 officer issuing same. This license shall be required of each  
12 helper or assistant sixteen (16) years of age or older employed or  
13 used by a trapper.

14 (2) No person shall trap or set a trap on lands in which the  
15 record title is vested in another person unless he has a prior  
16 agreement with the landowner which allows him to trap or set a  
17 trap on the lands of the landowner.

18 (3) Every trap shall have an identification number attached  
19 to traps by a metal tag or permanently inscribed, etched or  
20 stamped on traps and every trapper shall be required to visit his  
21 traps at least every thirty-six (36) hours. The conservation  
22 officer shall be authorized to take up any traps not properly  
23 marked.

24 (4) No person shall place or set a trap on or within one  
25 hundred (100) feet of any street or public road. Public roads  
26 shall not be construed to mean public waterways.

27           (5) This section shall not apply to a landowner trapping on  
28 his own lands except subsection (4).

29           (6) A licensed trapper shall be allowed to catch and sell  
30 skins of fur-bearing and predatory animals during trapping season.  
31 A licensed trapper shall be allowed to sell skins or pelts of  
32 legally acquired furbearing and predatory animals to any  
33 Mississippi-licensed fur dealer for ten (10) days beyond the close  
34 of trapping season. The meat of legally acquired raccoons,  
35 muskrats and opossums may also be bought and sold during trapping  
36 season and ten (10) days thereafter.

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