

By: Senator(s) Doxey

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

SENATE BILL NO. 2257

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-20, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO RECEIVES AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM THE  
3 U.S. ARMED FORCES IS NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE HUNTER EDUCATION  
4 COURSE TO OBTAIN HUNTING LICENSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-20, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 49-7-20. (1) It is unlawful for any person born on or after  
9 January 1, 1972, to procure any hunting license provided by the  
10 department unless the person has been issued certification of  
11 satisfactory completion of a hunter education course approved by  
12 the department. This subsection shall not apply to any person who  
13 has received an honorable discharge from any branch of the U.S.  
14 Armed Forces.

15 (2) It is unlawful for any person to issue any license  
16 provided by the department to any person born on or after January  
17 1, 1972, unless the purchaser has provided valid certification of  
18 satisfactory completion of a hunter education course approved by  
19 the department or has provided proof of an honorable discharge  
20 from a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces.

21 (3) It is unlawful for any person to fraudulently obtain a  
22 hunter education certification.

23 (4) The department may revoke any hunting license or hunter  
24 education certification upon determination that the holder was not  
25 entitled to issuance or obtained the license or certification by  
26 any fraudulent means.

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