

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

SENATE BILL NO. 2685

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 INCREASE THE MINIMUM LICENSE FEE FOR NONRESIDENT FRESHWATER  
3 FISHING LICENSES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

7 49-7-8. (1) No nonresident sixteen (16) years of age or  
8 older may hunt, fish, kill, take or trap any game animal, bird or  
9 fish without having acquired and having in his immediate  
10 possession a valid license issued by the Mississippi Commission on  
11 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

12 (2) The commission shall have the following duties and  
13 powers:

14 (a) To prescribe the forms and types of nonresident  
15 licenses that a nonresident must obtain;

16 (b) To determine the total number of each type of  
17 nonresident license to be issued annually;

18 (c) To establish fees for nonresident licenses and the  
19 collection fees for the agent issuing such licenses; provided,  
20 however, that the fee for a nonresident all game hunting license  
21 shall not be less than Sixty Dollars (\$60.00). The fee for a  
22 nonresident freshwater fishing license shall not be less than  
23 Sixty Dollars (\$60.00);

24 (d) To exercise all incidental powers necessary to  
25 develop a nonresident licensing program.

26           (3) A nonresident who violates this section or any licensing  
27 regulation of the commission is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall  
28 be punished as provided in Section 49-7-21(3).

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