

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

SENATE BILL NO. 2861

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; TO AMEND 49-7-65, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM;
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

14 (2) No person shall trap * * * on the lands * * * of another
15 * * * unless he has the permission of the landowner * * *.

16 (3) Each trap shall have an identification number * * *
17 permanently inscribed * * * on the trap or attached to the trap by
18 a metal tag. * * * Every trapper shall * * * visit his traps at
19 least every thirty-six (36) hours. The conservation officer may
20 take up any traps not properly marked.

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

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

26 (6) A trapper shall be allowed to trap * * * fur-bearing and
27 predatory animals during trapping season, and sell the pelts
28 during the trapping season and for ten (10)days after the close of

29 the season. The meat of legally acquired raccoons, opossums and
30 muskrats may also be bought and sold during trapping season, and
31 for ten (10) days after the close of the season.

32 **SECTION 2.** Section 49-7-65, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
33 amended as follows:

34 49-7-65. Except as provided in this chapter, it is unlawful
35 for any person to hunt, trap, take, kill, wound or capture, or
36 attempt to hunt, trap, take, kill, wound or capture any
37 fur-bearing animals * * * except during the open season prescribed
38 by law or regulation, or to have in his possession the green pelt
39 of any such animal except during the open season and ten (10) days
40 after the close of the open season. However, mink may be hunted
41 with dogs during the season for taking of fur-bearing animals on
42 payment of trapper's license fee by person so hunting mink with
43 dogs.

44 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
45 and after July 1, 2005.