

By: Senator(s) Jackson (32nd)

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

SENATE BILL NO. 2908

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS MAY  
3 THE ALLOW THE BAITING OF DEER ON PRIVATE LANDS; TO REQUIRE THE  
4 COMMISSION TO ENACT REGULATION TO INSURE PROTECTION OF DEER  
5 POPULATION IF THE COMMISSION ALLOWS THE USE OF BAIT; AND FOR  
6 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
9 amended as follows:

10 49-7-33. (1) It is unlawful to hunt, trap or kill any wild  
11 bird or wild animal of any kind with the aid of bait, recordings  
12 of bird or animal calls, or electrically amplified imitations of  
13 calls of any kind, except a person:

14 (a) May use electrically amplified sound devices for  
15 hunting coyote and crow;

16 (b) May use liquid scents for any animal or bird; and

17 (c) May hunt deer with the aid of bait on privately  
18 owned or leased lands if the commission allows the use of bait as  
19 provided in subsection (3)

20 (2) The commission, in its discretion, may relax the  
21 restrictions regarding the use of lures or sound devices if a  
22 condition arises or exists, as decided by the State Board of  
23 Health or county board of health, that may endanger persons or  
24 livestock in a certain community, county or area.

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26 (3) The commission may allow the hunting of deer with the  
27 aid of bait on privately owned or leased lands. If the commission  
28 allows the use of bait, the commission shall issue regulations to  
29 implement a baiting program, to control disease and to insure the

30 protection and proper management of the deer population. The  
31 commission may set fees any permits or licenses it may require.

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