Adopted COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO

House Bill No. 1418

BY: Committee

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 SECTION 1. Section 49-7-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 8 amended as follows:

9 49-7-38. (1) (a) The commission may issue a special 10 license to hunt deer, turkey and small game with a crossbow to any person sixty-five (65) years of age or older or to any person 11 having a disability which totally and permanently prevents the 12 person from using a longbow or other conventional archery 13 equipment as first certified by one (1) physician duly licensed to 14 practice medicine in the state. The commission shall designate 15 16 the fee for the license. The commission shall set the crossbow 17 season for small game. A special licensee under this section may take deer or turkey with a crossbow during the respective seasons 18 19 on deer and turkey.

20 (b) The commission may issue a crossbow permit to hunt 21 with a crossbow during the open seasons on deer with guns and 22 primitive weapons. A person required to have a hunting license 23 must have a license to take deer and turkey in order to obtain a 24 crossbow permit. The commission shall establish a fee for the 25 permit. 26 (2) This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1,27 2008.

28 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 29 and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-38, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW THE USE OF A CROSSBOW TO HUNT DURING CERTAIN OPEN SEASONS ON DEER; TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TO ISSUE PERMITS AND REGULATE USE OF CROSSBOWS; TO EXTEND THE REPEALER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.