

By: Representative Robinson (84th)

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 919

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TO
3 DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; TO CLARIFY THE PLACEMENT OF BAIT ON PRIVATE
4 PROPERTY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 49-7-33. (1) Except as otherwise provided for in this
9 section, it is unlawful to hunt, trap or kill any wild bird or
10 wild animal of any kind with the aid of bait, recordings of bird
11 or animal calls, or electrically amplified imitations of calls of
12 any kind; however a person:

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

15 (b) May use liquid scents, salt or trace minerals for
16 any animal or bird; and

17 (c) May use lures for trapping furbearing animals,
18 beaver, coyote, fox and nutria according to regulations adopted by
19 the commission;

20 (d) May hunt, trap or kill, or to attempt to take, trap
21 or kill any deer or wild turkey over grains, seeds or forage
22 resulting from the natural agriculture practices or supplemental
23 plantings;

24 (e) May hunt, trap or kill deer on any privately owned
25 or leased property by aid or use of any bait; and

26 (f) May hunt, trap or kill deer near or in close
27 proximity to a location where bait has been placed if such
28 location is not within the person's sight.

29 (2) For purposes of this section "bait" is considered any
30 grain or any other edible feed deposited or scattered so as to
31 constitute an attraction.

32 (3) The commission, in its discretion, may relax the
33 restrictions regarding the use of lures or sound devices if a
34 condition arises or exists, as decided by the State Board of
35 Health or county board of health, that may endanger persons or
36 livestock in a certain community, county or area.

37 (4) A person may use bait to trap wild hogs as defined in
38 Section 49-7-140 during the period between the end of Spring
39 turkey season and the beginning of deer season with bow and arrow.

40 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
41 and after July 1, 2006.