

By: Representative McBride

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 958

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROHIBITS A NONRESIDENT FROM KILLING
3 ANTLERLESS DEER EXCEPT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 49-7-41. (1) The commission may set the bag limits for game
9 animals, birds and fish, unless the bag limits are established by
10 the Legislature by statute.

11 (2) (a) The bag limit on antlered deer is one (1) per day,
12 not to exceed three (3) per license year. An antlered deer must
13 have antlers of four (4) points or greater to be taken except as
14 provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection.

15 (b) Any antlered deer may be taken by permit when it is
16 necessary to manage deer on lands under the deer management
17 assistance program or wildlife management areas. A written
18 management justification issued by the Department of Wildlife,
19 Fisheries and Parks must accompany any request for such a permit.
20 Any antlered deer harvested under this permit must be identified
21 with a tag immediately upon possession. Antlered deer taken by
22 permit shall not be subject to the daily bag limit or the annual
23 bag limit on antlered deer. The department shall include a report
24 on permits issued, to whom issued and deer harvested in the
25 department's annual deer program report.

26 (c) One (1) antlered deer with less than four (4)
27 points may be taken per license year on private lands by a person
28 less than sixteen (16) years old.

29 (3) * * * The bag limit on antlerless deer is one (1) per
30 day, not to exceed three (3) per license year; except that two (2)
31 additional antlerless deer per license year may be taken with a
32 bow and arrow. Antlerless deer may be taken only in the areas
33 prescribed by order of the commission. It is illegal to take a
34 spotted fawn in any season.

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36 (4) The bag limit on antlerless deer set by this section
37 shall not apply to private lands under the deer management
38 assistance program or the fee-based antlerless program as approved
39 by the department.

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