

By: Representative Stringer

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1089

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND  
2 PARKS TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROJECT ALLOWING THE HUNTING OF DEER  
3 OVER GRAIN OR SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD IN CLARKE, JASPER, KEMPER, NEWTON,  
4 NESHOPA, AND SMITH COUNTIES; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF  
5 WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TO FILE A REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND  
6 RECOMMENDATIONS WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE WILDLIFE, FISHERIES  
7 AND PARKS COMMITTEE AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE WILDLIFE,  
8 FISHERIES AND PARKS COMMITTEE AND TO INCLUDE IN ITS REPORT ITS  
9 RECOMMENDATION AS TO THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING THE PILOT  
10 PROJECT ON A STATEWIDE BASIS; TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-33,  
11 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972; TO PRESCRIBE A PENALTY FOR HUNTING DEER  
12 OVER GRAIN EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED BY THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED  
13 PURPOSES.

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

15 **SECTION 1.** The Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks  
16 shall establish a pilot project allowing the hunting of deer over  
17 grain or supplemental food. The project shall be limited to  
18 Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Newton, Neshoba, and Smith Counties, and  
19 shall be managed and conducted strictly in accordance with such  
20 rules and regulations as the commission may establish. The  
21 commission may require a person desiring to participate in the  
22 pilot project to obtain a permit for such privilege but may not  
23 charge or collect a fee for such permit. Participants shall keep  
24 the grain or supplemental food dry at all times. The commission  
25 shall have the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks study  
26 and analyze all relevant data and issues with regard to the  
27 project, including, but not limited to, the impact that the  
28 project has upon the health and density of deer populations and  
29 other wildlife, its effect on surrounding habitat, the  
30 effectiveness of wildlife law enforcement, the extent to which  
31 hunters who participate in the project are successful in  
32 harvesting deer and are supportive of the project, the perception

33 of the project by the general public, and the extent to which the  
34 project has a favorable impact on economic development and  
35 tourism.

36 On or before the first day of the 2008 Regular Session of the  
37 Legislature, the department shall file a report of its findings  
38 and recommendations concerning the pilot project with the Chairman  
39 of the House Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Committee and the  
40 Chairman of the Senate Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Committee.  
41 The department shall include in its report its recommendation as  
42 to the feasibility of establishing the pilot project on a  
43 statewide basis.

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

46 49-7-33. (1) It is unlawful to hunt, trap or kill any wild  
47 bird or wild animal of any kind with the aid of bait, recordings  
48 of bird or animal calls, or electrically amplified imitations of  
49 calls of any kind, except a person:

50 (a) May use electrically amplified sound devices for  
51 hunting coyote and crow;

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

53 (c) May use lures for trapping furbearing animals,  
54 beaver, coyote, fox and nutria according to regulations adopted by  
55 the commission.

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

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

64 (4) Any person who violates this section and does not have  
65 the permit provided in Section 1 of this act commits a misdemeanor

66 punishable as a class III violation as provided under Section  
67 49-7-101.

68         **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
69 and after July 1, 2006, and shall stand repealed on July 1, 2010.