

By: Representative Nicholson

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 1177

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 CLARIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE HUNTING OR KILLING OF
3 DEER WITH THE AID OF BAIT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

11 (a) May use electrically amplified sound devices for
12 hunting coyote and crow;

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

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

17 (d) May hunt deer with the aid of bait if the bait is
18 not within the hunter's immediate line of sight. Unless a person
19 is openly and visibly hunting deer with the aid of bait within his
20 immediate line of sight, law enforcement officers of the
21 department may not issue a citation or fine any person.

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

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

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