

By: Senator(s) Jackson (32nd)

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

SENATE BILL NO. 2495

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS MAY
3 ALLOW THE BAITING OF DEER ON PRIVATE LANDS; TO REQUIRE THE
4 COMMISSION TO ENACT REGULATIONS TO INSURE PROTECTION OF THE DEER
5 POPULATION IF THE COMMISSION ALLOWS THE USE OF BAIT; AND FOR
6 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

16 (b) May use liquid scents for any animal or bird; * * *

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

20 (d) May hunt deer with the aid of bait on privately
21 owned or leased lands if the commission allows the use of bait as
22 provided in subsection (4).

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

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

31 (4) The commission may allow the hunting of deer with the
32 aid of bait on privately owned or leased lands. If the commission
33 allows the use of bait, the commission shall issue regulations to
34 implement a baiting program, to control disease and to insure the
35 protection and proper management of the deer population. The
36 commission may set fees for any permits or licenses it may
37 require.

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