

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

SENATE BILL NO. 2765

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 DELETE REFERENCES TO COMMON SNAPPING TURTLES; AND FOR RELATED
3 PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 49-7-47. (1) The commission may control, regulate and
8 manage the taking of all alligators * * *.

9 (2) Residents and nonresidents shall be required to purchase
10 a combination hunting and fishing license to hunt, kill or catch
11 any alligator * * * for sporting purposes.

12 (3) Residents and nonresidents shall be required to obtain a
13 special permit to hunt, kill, catch or possess any alligator * * *
14 for commercial purposes. The commission may establish a
15 reasonable fee for an annual special sporting permit, not to
16 exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), and may prescribe
17 regulations governing commercial trade in alligators * * *. Any
18 reasonable fee established for an annual special commercial permit
19 shall not exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Such permit
20 shall be good from the date of its issuance to June 30 following
21 its date.

22 (4) Any person violating this section is guilty, upon
23 conviction, of a Class I offense and is punishable as provided in
24 Section 49-7-141.

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