

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.