

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

SENATE BILL NO. 2794

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-58.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REMOVE DATED REQUIREMENT ON HUNTING ENCLOSURES; AND FOR RELATED
3 PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-58.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 49-7-58.1. (1) The owner of any enclosure containing
8 white-tailed deer that prevents the free egress of white-tailed
9 deer from the enclosed area shall notify and register with the
10 Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. The person shall
11 give his name, the location of the enclosure, the acreage within
12 the enclosure, and whether any deer have been imported into the
13 state and placed in the enclosure, and any other information
14 required by the Commissioner on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

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16 (2) The owner of such an enclosure shall comply with any
17 testing of white-tailed deer harvested within the enclosure as may
18 be required by the department. If chronic wasting disease is
19 diagnosed within five (5) miles of the enclosure, the owner of
20 such enclosure shall allow department personnel to enter the
21 enclosure to utilize lethal collection methods to obtain tissue
22 samples for testing. If chronic wasting disease is diagnosed
23 within the enclosure, the owner shall allow department personnel
24 to enter the enclosure and depopulate the white-tailed deer within
25 the enclosure.

26 (3) A violation of this section is a Class II violation and
27 is punishable as provided in Section 49-7-143. A second or

28 subsequent violation of this section is a Class I violation and is
29 punishable as provided in Section 49-7-141.

30 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
31 and after its passage.