

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

SENATE BILL NO. 2939

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE "SPORTSMEN HELPING THE HUNGRY PROGRAM";
2 TO PROVIDE FOR VOLUNTARY DONATIONS WITH THE PURCHASE OF EACH
3 WILDLIFE LICENSE; TO CREATE THE "MISSISSIPPI SPORTSMEN HELPING THE
4 HUNGRY FUND"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) Every application for a license issued by
7 the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall include a
8 solicitation for a voluntary donation to the "Mississippi
9 Sportsmen Helping the Hungry Program." The applicant shall be
10 offered an opportunity to designate a donation in the amount of
11 One Dollar (\$1.00) or more to the program.

12 (2) There is created a "Mississippi Sportsmen Helping the
13 Hungry Fund." The fund shall be a special trust fund. All
14 donations received under this section shall be placed in the fund.
15 On a monthly basis, the monies collected along with any interest
16 in the fund will be expended to a fund administered by an external
17 accounting firm which will administer the fund for the
18 organization running the program.

19 (3) (a) The Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks
20 shall audit the operations of the organization running the program
21 and approve/disapprove of any and all projects of the Mississippi
22 Sportsmen Helping the Hungry Program.

23 (b) The commission shall appoint a nonprofit
24 organization to run the Mississippi Sportsmen Helping the Hungry
25 Program and shall have the authority to reappoint the program to a
26 different nonprofit organization if it deems that the current
27 nonprofit organization is not properly running the program as
28 agreed upon between the commission and the nonprofit organization.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
30 and after July 1, 2006.