To: Judiciary, Division B

## SENATE BILL NO. 2960

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-1-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE SUSPENSION OF A CONTEMNOR'S DRIVER'S LICENSE AS PUNISHMENT FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT; TO SPECIFY A PROCEDURE TO 3 ACCOMPLISH BOTH SUSPENSION AND REINSTATEMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-11-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE SUSPENSION OF A 6 PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE AS PUNISHMENT FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT BY THE JUSTICE COURT; TO AMEND SECTION 21-23-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE SUSPENSION OF A PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE AS PUNISHMENT FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT BY THE MUNICIPAL COURT; TO AMEND 7 8 9 SECTION 11-51-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM CRIMINAL 10 APPELLATE PROCEDURE; TO AMEND SECTION 99-37-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 11 1972, TO AUTHORIZE A DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION FOR FAILURE TO 12 MAKE RESTITUTION THAT IS FOUND TO BE CONTEMPT OF COURT; TO AMEND 13 SECTIONS 63-1-52, 63-1-53 AND 49-7-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, 14 TO AUTHORIZE A COURT TO SUSPEND THE DRIVER'S LICENSE AND HUNTING 15 LICENSE OF A PERSON WHO IS IN CONTEMPT OF COURT; AND FOR RELATED 16 17 PURPOSES.

- BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 19 **SECTION 1.** Section 9-1-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 20 amended as follows:
- 9-1-17. The Supreme, circuit, chancery and county courts and
- 22 the Court of Appeals shall have power to:
- 23 <u>(a)</u> Fine and imprison any person guilty of contempt of
- 24 the court while sitting, but the fine shall not exceed One Hundred
- 25 Dollars (\$100.00) for each offense, nor shall the imprisonment
- 26 continue longer than thirty (30) days. If any witness refuse to be
- 27 sworn or to give evidence, or if any officer or person refuse to
- 28 obey or perform any rules, order or judgment of the court, such
- 29 court shall have power to fine and imprison such officer or person
- 30 until he shall give evidence, or until the rule, order or judgment
- 31 shall be complied with;
- 32 (b) Suspend the driver's license of the contemnor for a
- 33 period not to exceed one (1) year following the procedure outlined
- 34 in Section 63-1-52;

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35 <u>(c)</u> Suspend the hunting license of the contemnor for
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- 36 period not to exceed one (1) year following the procedure outlined
- 37 in Section 49-7-27.
- 38 **SECTION 2.** Section 9-11-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 39 amended as follows:
- 40 9-11-15. Justice court judges shall hold regular terms of
- 41 their courts, at such times as they may appoint, not exceeding two
- 42 (2) and not less than one (1) in every month, at the appropriate
- 43 justice court courtroom established by the board of supervisors;
- 44 and they may continue to hold their courts from day to day so long
- 45 as business may require; and all process shall be returnable, and
- 46 all trials shall take place at such regular terms, except where it
- 47 is otherwise provided; but where the defendant is a nonresident or
- 48 transient person, and it shall be shown by the oath of either
- 49 party that a delay of the trial until the regular term will be of
- 50 material injury to him, it shall be lawful for the judge to have
- 51 the parties brought before him at any reasonable time and hear the
- 52 evidence and give judgment or where the defendant is a nonresident
- 53 or transient person and the judge and all parties agree, it shall
- 54 be lawful for the judge to have the parties brought before him on
- 55 the day a citation is made and hear the evidence and give
- 56 judgment. Such court shall be a court of record, with all the
- 57 power incident to a court of record, including power to suspend a
- 58 driver's license and hunting license and to impose a fine in the
- 59 amount of fine, and to impose imprisonment in the length of
- 60 imprisonment as is authorized for a municipal court in Section
- 61 21-23-7(11) for contempt of court.
- 62 **SECTION 3.** Section 21-23-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 63 amended as follows:
- 64 21-23-7. (1) The municipal judge shall hold court in a
- 65 public building designated by the governing authorities of the
- 66 municipality and may hold court every day except Sundays and legal
- 67 holidays if the business of the municipality so requires;

provided, however, the municipal judge may hold court outside the 68 69 boundaries of the municipality but not more than within a 70 sixty-mile radius of the municipality to handle preliminary 71 matters and criminal matters such as initial appearances and 72 felony preliminary hearings. The municipal judge shall have the 73 jurisdiction to hear and determine, without a jury and without a 74 record of the testimony, all cases charging violations of the 75 municipal ordinances and state misdemeanor laws made offenses against the municipality and to punish offenders therefor as may 76 77 be prescribed by law. All criminal proceedings shall be brought 78 by sworn complaint filed in the municipal court. Such complaint shall state the essential elements of the offense charged and the 79 80 statute or ordinance relied upon. Such complaint shall not be 81 required to conclude with a general averment that the offense is against the peace and dignity of the state or in violation of the 82 ordinances of the municipality. He may sit as a committing court 83 84 in all felonies committed within the municipality, and he shall 85 have the power to bind over the accused to the grand jury or to appear before the proper court having jurisdiction to try the 86 87 same, and to set the amount of bail or refuse bail and commit the 88 accused to jail in cases not bailable. The municipal judge is a 89 conservator of the peace within his municipality. He may conduct 90 preliminary hearings in all violations of the criminal laws of 91 this state occurring within the municipality, and any person 92 arrested for a violation of law within the municipality may be brought before him for initial appearance. 93 94 In the discretion of the court, where the objects of 95 justice would be more likely met, as an alternative to imposition

public record. Such programs shall provide for reasonable S. B. No. 2960 \*SS26/R691\* 06/SS26/R691 PAGE 3

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or payment of fine and/or incarceration, the municipal judge shall

have the power to sentence convicted offenders to work on a public

service project where the court has established such a program of

public service by written guidelines filed with the clerk for

supervision of the offender and the work shall be commensurate with the fine and/or incarceration that would have ordinarily been imposed. Such program of public service may be utilized in the implementation of the provisions of Section 99-19-20, and public service work thereunder may be supervised by persons other than

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the sheriff.

- 107 The municipal judge may solemnize marriages, take oaths, 108 affidavits and acknowledgments, and issue orders, subpoenas, 109 summonses, citations, warrants for search and arrest upon a finding of probable cause, and other such process under seal of 110 111 the court to any county or municipality, in a criminal case, to be executed by the lawful authority of the county or the municipality 112 113 of the respondent, and enforce obedience thereto. The absence of a seal shall not invalidate the process. 114
- When a person shall be charged with an offense in 115 municipal court punishable by confinement, the municipal judge, 116 117 being satisfied that such person is an indigent person and is 118 unable to employ counsel, may, in the discretion of the court, appoint counsel from the membership of The Mississippi Bar 119 120 residing in his county who shall represent him. Compensation for appointed counsel in criminal cases shall be approved and allowed 121 122 by the municipal judge and shall be paid by the municipality. 123 maximum compensation shall not exceed Two Hundred Dollars 124 (\$200.00) for any one (1) case. The governing authorities of a 125 municipality may, in their discretion, appoint a public defender(s) who must be a licensed attorney and who shall receive 126 127 a salary to be fixed by the governing authorities.
- 128 (5) The municipal judge of any municipality is hereby

  129 authorized to suspend the sentence and to suspend the execution of

  130 the sentence, or any part thereof, on such terms as may be imposed

  131 by the municipal judge. However, the suspension of imposition or

  132 execution of a sentence hereunder may not be revoked after a

  133 period of two (2) years. The municipal judge shall have the power

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- 134 to establish and operate a probation program, dispute resolution
- 135 program and other practices or procedures appropriate to the
- 136 judiciary and designed to aid in the administration of justice.
- 137 Any such program shall be established by the court with written
- 138 policies and procedures filed with the clerk of the court for
- 139 public record.
- 140 (6) Upon prior notice to the municipal prosecuting attorney
- 141 and upon a showing in open court of rehabilitation, good conduct
- 142 for a period of two (2) years since the last conviction in any
- 143 court and that the best interest of society would be served, the
- 144 court may, in its discretion, order the record of conviction of a
- 145 person of any or all misdemeanors in that court expunged, and upon
- 146 so doing the said person thereafter legally stands as though he
- 147 had never been convicted of the said misdemeanor(s) and may
- 148 lawfully so respond to any query of prior convictions. This order
- 149 of expunction does not apply to the confidential records of law
- 150 enforcement agencies and has no effect on the driving record of a
- 151 person maintained under Title 63, Mississippi Code of 1972, or any
- 152 other provision of said Title 63.
- 153 (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (6) of this
- 154 section, a person who was convicted in municipal court of a
- 155 misdemeanor before reaching his twenty-third birthday, excluding
- 156 conviction for a traffic violation, and who is a first offender,
- 157 may utilize the provisions of Section 99-19-71, to expunge such
- 158 misdemeanor conviction.
- 159 (8) In the discretion of the court, a plea of nolo
- 160 contendere may be entered to any charge in municipal court. Upon
- 161 the entry of a plea of nolo contendere the court shall convict the
- 162 defendant of the offense charged and shall proceed to sentence the
- 163 defendant according to law. The judgment of the court shall
- 164 reflect that the conviction was on a plea of nolo contendere. An
- 165 appeal may be made from a conviction on a plea of nolo contendere
- 166 as in other cases.

| 167 | (9) Upon execution of a sworn complaint charging a                  |
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| 168 | misdemeanor, the municipal court may, in its discretion and in      |
| 169 | lieu of an arrest warrant, issue a citation requiring the           |
| 170 | appearance of the defendant to answer the charge made against him.  |
| 171 | On default of appearance, an arrest warrant may be issued for the   |
| 172 | defendant. The clerk of the court or deputy clerk may issue such    |
| 173 | citations.  |
| 174 | (10) The municipal court shall have the power to make rules         |
| 175 | for the administration of the court's business, which rules, if     |
| 176 | any, shall be in writing filed with the clerk of the court.         |
| 177 | (11) The municipal court shall have the power to impose             |
| 178 | punishment of a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars          |
| 179 | (\$1,000.00) or six (6) months' imprisonment, or both, for contempt |
| 180 | of court. The municipal court also shall have the power to          |
| 181 | suspend the driver's license of a contemnor for a period not to     |
| 182 | exceed one (1) year, conforming to the procedure set forth in       |
| 183 | Section 63-1-52, and to suspend the hunting license of the          |
| 184 | contemnor for period not to exceed one (1) year, conforming to the  |
| 185 | procedure outlined in Section 49-7-27. The municipal court may      |
| 186 | have the power to impose reasonable costs of court, not in excess   |
| 187 | of the following:   |
| 188 | Dismissal of any affidavit, complaint or charge                     |
| 189 | in municipal court\$ 50.00  |
| 190 | Suspension of a minor's driver's license in lieu of                 |
| 191 | conviction\$ 50.00  |
| 192 | Service of scire facias or return "not found" \$ 20.00              |
| 193 | Causing search warrant to issue or causing prosecution              |
| 194 | without reasonable cause or refusing to cooperate                   |
| 195 | after initiating action\$ 100.00                                    |
| 196 | Certified copy of the court record\$ 5.00                           |
| 197 | Service of arrest warrant for failure to answer                     |
| 198 | citation or traffic summons\$ 25.00                                 |
| 199 | Jail cost per day\$ 10.00   |
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| 201 | No  | filing | fee  | or | such | cost   | shall | be | imposed       | for     | the | brin | nging |

202 of an action in municipal court.

- 203 (12) A municipal court judge shall not dismiss a criminal 204 case but may transfer the case to the justice court of the county 205 if the municipal court judge is prohibited from presiding over the case by the Canons of Judicial Conduct and provided that venue and 206 jurisdiction are proper in the justice court. Upon transfer of 207 208 any such case, the municipal court judge shall give the municipal 209 court clerk a written order to transmit the affidavit or complaint 210 and all other records and evidence in the court's possession to the justice court by certified mail or to instruct the arresting 211 212 officer to deliver such documents and records to the justice court. There shall be no court costs charged for the transfer of 213 the case to the justice court. 214
- (13) A municipal court judge shall expunge the record of any case in which an arrest was made, the person arrested was released and the case was dismissed or the charges were dropped or there was no disposition of such case.
- 219 **SECTION 4.** Section 11-51-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 220 amended as follows:
- 221 11-51-11. (1) A person ordered by any tribunal, except the 222 Supreme Court, to be punished for a criminal contempt, may appeal 223 to the court to which other cases are appealable from said 224 tribunal. Where the punishment is either a fine only, \* \* \* jail confinement only, driver's license suspension only, or hunting 225 226 license suspension only, the appeal shall be allowed upon the 227 posting of a bond, payable to the state, with sufficient sureties, not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), conditioned to 228 229 abide the results of the appeal. Where the punishment is both a 230 fine and jail confinement, the appeal shall be allowed upon the
- 231 posting of a bond, not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00),

- 232 conditioned to appear in the court to which the appeal is
- 233 prosecuted and to abide the results of such appeal.
- 234 (2) The amount of the bonds provided for in subsection (1)
- of this section shall be fixed by the tribunal appealed from,
- 236 shall be approved by the sheriff or other officer in whose custody
- 237 the appellant may be and shall not be construed as a limitation on
- 238 the amount of any fine which may be imposed.
- 239 (3) All appeals allowed in accordance with the provisions of
- 240 this section shall operate as a supersedeas.
- 241 (4) The burden of proof in criminal contempt shall be proof
- 242 beyond a reasonable doubt. A contemnor shall not be entitled to a
- 243 jury trial unless the contemnor requests a jury trial and unless
- 244 the fine exceeds Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or the
- 245 imprisonment exceeds six (6) months.
- 246 **SECTION 5.** Section 99-37-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 247 amended as follows:
- 248 99-37-7. (1) When a defendant sentenced to pay a fine or to
- 249 make restitution defaults in the payment thereof or of any
- 250 installment, the court, on motion of the district attorney, or
- 251 upon its own motion, may require him to show cause why his default
- 252 should not be treated as contempt of court, and may issue a show
- 253 cause citation or a warrant of arrest for his appearance.
- 254 (2) Unless the defendant shows that his default was not
- 255 attributable to an intentional refusal to obey the order of the
- 256 court or to a failure on his part to make a good faith effort to
- 257 make the payment, the court may find that his default constitutes
- 258 contempt and may order him committed until the fine or the
- 259 restitution, or a specified part thereof, is paid. The court may
- 260 also suspend the driver's license of the defendant, conforming to
- 261 the procedure set forth in Section 63-1-52, and may suspend the
- 262 hunting license of the defendant, conforming to the procedure
- 263 <u>outlined in Section 49-7-27.</u>

(3) A judicial officer shall not be held criminally or civilly liable for failure of any defendant to pay any fine or to make restitution if the officer exercises his judicial authority in accordance with subsections (1) and (2) of this section to

require the payment of such fine or restitution.

- 269 (4) When a fine or an order of restitution is imposed on a
  270 corporation or unincorporated association, it is the duty of the
  271 person authorized to make disbursement from the assets of the
  272 corporation or association to pay the fine or make the restitution
  273 from those assets, and his failure to do so may be held to be
  274 contempt unless he makes the showing required in subsection (2) of
  275 this section.
- 276 **SECTION 6.** Section 63-1-52, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 277 amended as follows:
- 278 63-1-52. (1) Whenever the Commissioner of Public Safety 279 suspends, cancels or revokes the driver's license or driving privileges of any person, notice of the suspension, cancellation 280 281 or revocation shall be given to such person by the commissioner, or his duly authorized agent, in the manner provided in subsection 282 283 (2) of this section and at the time provided in subsection (3) of 284 this section or in the manner and at the time provided in 285 subsection (4) of this section.
- 286 (2) Notice shall be given in the following manner:
- In writing, (i) by United States Certificate of 287 288 Mail; or (ii) by personal service at the person's address as it 289 appears on the driving record maintained by the Department of 290 Public Safety or at the person's last known address; or (iii) by 291 personal notice being given by any law enforcement officer of this 292 state or any duly authorized agent of the Commissioner of Public 293 Safety on forms prescribed and furnished by the Commissioner of 294 Public Safety; whenever a person's driver's license or driving 295 privileges are suspended, revoked or cancelled in accordance with 296 the Mississippi Driver License Compact Law, the Mississippi

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- 297 Implied Consent Law, the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Safety
- 298 Responsibility Law or subsection (2)(c), (2)(d), (2)(e) or (2)(f)
- 299 of Section 63-1-53.
- 300 (b) In writing, by United States first class mail,
- 301 whenever a person's driver's license or driving privileges are
- 302 suspended, revoked or cancelled in accordance with the Mississippi
- 303 Commercial Driver's License Law, the Youth Court Law, Chapter 23
- 304 of Title 43, Mississippi Code of 1972, Section 63-1-45, Section
- 305 63-1-51, subsection (2)(g), (2)(h) or (2)(i) of Section 63-1-53 or
- 306 Section 63-9-25.
- 307 (3) Notice shall be given at the following time:
- 308 (a) Before suspension, revocation or cancellation,
- 309 whenever a person's driver's license or driving privileges are
- 310 suspended, revoked or cancelled in accordance with the Mississippi
- 311 Driver License Compact Law, the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Safety
- 312 Responsibility Law or subsection (2)(c), (2)(d), (2)(e) or (2)(f)
- 313 of Section 63-1-53.
- 314 (b) Unless otherwise specifically provided for by law,
- 315 at the time of suspension, revocation or cancellation, whenever a
- 316 person's driver's license or driving privileges are suspended,
- 317 revoked or cancelled in accordance with the Mississippi Commercial
- 318 Driver's License Law, the Mississippi Implied Consent Law, the
- 319 Youth Court Law, Chapter 23 of Title 43, Mississippi Code of 1972,
- 320 Section 63-1-45, Section 63-1-51, subsection (2)(g), (2)(h) or
- 321 (2)(i) of Section 63-1-53 or Section 63-9-25.
- 322 (4) Whenever the Commissioner of Public Safety suspends,
- 323 revokes or cancels the driver's license or driving privileges of
- 324 any person in accordance with some provision of law other than a
- 325 provision of law referred to in subsections (2) and (3) of this
- 326 section, and the manner and time for giving notice is not
- 327 provided \* \* \* in such law, then notice of such suspension,
- 328 revocation or cancellation shall be given in the manner and at the

- time provided for under <u>subsections</u> (2)(b) and (3)(b) of this section.
- 331 **SECTION 7.** Section 63-1-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 332 amended as follows:
  - 63-1-53. (1) Upon failure of any person to respond timely and properly to a summons or citation charging such person with any violation of this title, or upon failure of any person to pay timely any fine, fee or assessment levied as a result of any violation of this title, the clerk of the court shall give written notice to such person by United States first class mail at his last known address advising such person that if within ten (10) days after such notice is deposited in the mail the person has not properly responded to the summons or citation or has not paid the entire amount of all fines, fees and assessments levied, then the court will give notice thereof to the Commissioner of Public Safety and the commissioner may suspend the driver's license of such person. The actual cost incurred by the court in the giving of such notice may be added to any other court costs assessed in such case. If within ten (10) days after the notice is given in accordance with this subsection such person has not satisfactorily disposed of the matter pending before the court, then the clerk of the court immediately shall mail a copy of the abstract of the court record, along with a certified copy of the notice given under this subsection, to the Commissioner of Public Safety, and the commissioner may suspend the driver's license of such person as authorized under subsections (2) and (3) of this section.
    - (2) The commissioner is hereby authorized to suspend the license of an operator without preliminary hearing upon a showing by his records or other sufficient evidence that the licensee:
- 358 (a) Has committed an offense for which mandatory
  359 revocation of license is required upon conviction except under the
  360 provisions of the Mississippi Implied Consent Law;

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| 361 | (b) Has been involved as a driver in any accident                  |
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| 362 | resulting in the death or personal injury of another or serious    |
| 363 | property damage;   |
| 364 | (c) Is an habitually reckless or negligent driver of a             |
| 365 | motor vehicle;   |
| 366 | (d) Has been convicted with such frequency of serious              |
| 367 | offenses against traffic regulations governing the movement of     |
| 368 | vehicles as to indicate a disrespect for traffic laws and a        |
| 369 | disregard for the safety of other persons on the highways;         |
| 370 | (e) Is incompetent to drive a motor vehicle;                       |
| 371 | (f) Has permitted an unlawful or fraudulent use of such            |
| 372 | license;   |
| 373 | (g) Has committed an offense in another state which if             |
| 374 | committed in this state would be grounds for suspension or         |
| 375 | revocation;  |
| 376 | (h) Has failed to pay any fine, fee or other assessment            |
| 377 | levied as a result of any violation of this title;                 |
| 378 | (i) Has failed to respond to a summons or citation                 |
| 379 | which charged a violation of this title or is otherwise in         |
| 380 | <pre>contempt of court; or</pre>                                   |
| 381 | (j) Has committed a violation for which mandatory                  |
| 382 | revocation of license is required upon conviction, entering a plea |
| 383 | of nolo contendere to, or adjudication of delinquency, pursuant to |
| 384 | the provisions of subsection (1) of Section 63-1-71.               |
| 385 | (3) Notice that a person's license is suspended or will be         |
| 386 | suspended under subsection (2) of this section shall be given by   |
| 387 | the commissioner in the manner and at the time provided for under  |
| 388 | Section 63-1-52, and upon such person's request, he shall be       |
| 389 | afforded an opportunity for a hearing as early as practical within |
| 390 | not to exceed twenty (20) days after receipt of such request in    |
| 391 | the county wherein the licensee resides unless the department and  |

the licensee agree that such hearing may be held in some other

county. Upon such hearing the commissioner, or his duly

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- authorized agent, may administer oaths and may issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of relevant books and papers and may require a reexamination of the licensee. Upon such hearing the commissioner shall either rescind any order of suspension or, good cause appearing therefor, may extend any
- 398 suspension or, good cause appearing therefor, may extend any

suspension of such license or revoke such license.

- 400 **SECTION 8.** Section 49-7-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 401 amended as follows: 402 49-7-27. (1) The commission may revoke any hunting, trapping, or fishing privileges, license or deny any person the 403 404 right to secure such license if the person has been convicted of 405 the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter or any 406 regulation thereunder. The revocation of the privilege, license 407 or refusal to grant license shall be for a period of one (1) year. 408 However, before the revocation of the privilege or license shall
- 409 become effective, the executive director shall send by registered
- 410 mail notice to the person or licensee, who shall have the right to
- 411 a hearing or representation before the commission at the next
- 412 regular meeting or a special meeting. The notice shall set out
- 413 fully the ground or complaint upon which revocation of, or refusal
- 414 to grant, the privilege or license is sought.
- 415 (2) Any person who is convicted for a second time during any
- 416 period of twelve (12) consecutive months for violation of any of
- 417 the laws with respect to game, fish or nongame fish or animals
- 418 shall forfeit his privilege and any license or licenses issued to
- 419 him by the commission and the commission shall not issue the
- 420 person any license for a period of one (1) year from the date of
- 421 forfeiture.

- 422 (3) Failure of any person to surrender his license or
- 423 licenses upon demand made by the commission or by its
- 424 representatives at the direction of the commission shall be a
- 425 misdemeanor and shall be punishable as such.

- 426 Any violator whose privilege or license has been 427 revoked, who shall, during the period of revocation, be apprehended for hunting or fishing, shall have imposed upon him a 428 429 mandatory jail term of not less than thirty (30) days nor more 430 than six (6) months.
- 431 (a) The commission is authorized to suspend any license 432 issued to any person under this chapter for being out of 433 compliance with an order for support, as defined in Section 434 93-11-153. The procedure for suspension of a license for being out of compliance with an order for support, and the procedure for 435 436 the reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended for that 437 purpose, and the payment of any fees for the reissuance or 438 reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, shall be 439 governed by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be. 440 If there is any conflict between any provision of Section
- 444 (b) The commission is authorized to suspend any license 445 issued to any person under this chapter when so directed by a 446 court for contempt of court as provided by Section 63-1-53.

93-11-157 or 93-11-163 and any provision of this chapter, the

provisions of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be,

- 447 If a person is found guilty or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a violation of Section 49-7-95, and then appeals, 448 the commission shall suspend or revoke the hunting privileges of 449 450 that person pending the determination of his appeal.
- 451 If a person does not comply with a summons or a 452 citation or does not pay a fine, fee or assessment for violating a 453 wildlife law or regulation, the commission shall revoke the 454 fishing, hunting, or trapping privileges of that person. When a 455 person does not comply or fails to pay, the clerk of the court shall notify the person in writing by first class mail that if the 456 457 person does not comply or pay within ten (10) days from the date

458 of mailing, the court will notify the commission and the \*SS26/R691\*

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shall control;

- 459 commission will revoke the fishing, hunting or trapping privileges
- 460 of that person. The cost of notice may be added to other court
- 461 costs. If the person does not comply or pay as required, the
- 462 court clerk shall immediately mail a copy of the court record and
- 463 a copy of the notice to the commission. After receiving notice
- 464 from the court, the commission shall revoke the fishing, hunting
- 465 or trapping privileges of that person.
- 466 (b) A person whose fishing, hunting or trapping
- 467 privileges have been revoked under this subsection shall remain
- 468 revoked until the person can show proof that all obligations of
- 469 the court have been met.
- 470 (c) A person shall pay a Twenty-five Dollar (\$25.00)
- 471 fee to have his privileges reinstated. The fee shall be paid to
- 472 the department.
- 473 **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 474 and after July 1, 2006.