

By: Representative Nicholson

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 623

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 CLARIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE HUNTING OR KILLING OF  
3 DEER WITH THE AID OF BAIT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 49-7-33. (1) It is unlawful to hunt, trap or kill any wild  
8 bird or wild animal of any kind with the aid of bait, recordings  
9 of bird or animal calls, or electrically amplified imitations of  
10 calls of any kind, except a person:

11 (a) May use electrically amplified sound devices for  
12 hunting coyote and crow;

13 (b) May use liquid scents for any animal or bird; and

14 (c) May use lures for trapping furbearing animals,  
15 beaver, coyote, fox and nutria according to regulations adopted by  
16 the commission; and

17 (d) May hunt deer with the aid of bait if the bait is  
18 not within the hunter's immediate line of sight. Unless a person  
19 is openly and visibly hunting deer with the aid of bait within his  
20 immediate line of sight, law enforcement officers of the  
21 department may not issue a citation or fine any person.

22 (2) The commission, in its discretion, may relax the  
23 restrictions regarding the use of lures or sound devices if a  
24 condition arises or exists, as decided by the State Board of  
25 Health or county board of health, that may endanger persons or  
26 livestock in a certain community, county or area.

27           (3) A person may use bait to trap wild hogs as defined in  
28 Section 49-7-140 during the period between the end of Spring  
29 turkey season and the beginning of deer season with bow and arrow.

30           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
31 and after July 1, 2007.