

By: Representative Robinson (84th)

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 912

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 CLARIFY CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF BAIT IN AID OF DEER
3 HUNTING; 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) Except as otherwise provided for in this
8 section, it is unlawful to hunt, trap or kill any wild bird or
9 wild animal of any kind with the aid of bait, recordings of bird
10 or animal calls, or electrically amplified imitations of calls of
11 any kind; however a person:

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

14 (b) May use liquid scents, salt or trace minerals for
15 any animal or bird; and

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

19 (d) May hunt, kill or attempt to take or kill any deer
20 or wild turkey over grains, seeds or forage resulting from the
21 natural agriculture practices or supplemental plantings; and

22 (e) May hunt or kill deer near or in close proximity to
23 a location where bait has been placed if such location is not
24 within the person's sight.

25 (2) For purposes of this section "bait" is considered any
26 grain or any other edible feed deposited or scattered so as to
27 constitute an attraction.

28 (3) The commission, in its discretion, may relax the
29 restrictions regarding the use of lures or sound devices if a
30 condition arises or exists, as decided by the State Board of
31 Health or county board of health, that may endanger persons or
32 livestock in a certain community, county or area.

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

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