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To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
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HOUSE BILL NO. 918

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-38, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT CROSSBOW PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION ON
3 WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS SHALL ALLOW THE PERMIT HOLDER TO
4 HUNT DEER WITH A CROSSBOW DURING ANY OPEN SEASON ON DEER,
5 INCLUDING ARCHERY SEASON; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 49-7-38. (1) (a) The commission may issue a special
10 license to hunt deer, turkey and small game with a crossbow to any
11 person sixty-five (65) years of age or older or to any person
12 having a disability which totally and permanently prevents the
13 person from using a longbow or other conventional archery
14 equipment as first certified by one (1) physician duly licensed to
15 practice medicine in the state. The commission shall designate
16 the fee for the license. The commission shall set the crossbow
17 season for small game. A special licensee under this subsection
18 may take deer or turkey with a crossbow during the respective
19 seasons on deer and turkey.

20 (b) The commission may issue a crossbow permit to hunt
21 with a crossbow during any open season on deer, including archery
22 season. A person required to have a hunting license must have a
23 license to take deer and turkey in order to obtain a crossbow
24 permit under this subsection. The commission shall establish a
25 fee for the permit.

26 (2) This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1,
27 2008.

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