

By: Representative Robinson (84th)

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 1019  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-20.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT A LICENSED HUNTER WHO SUPERVISES A CHILD HUNTING  
3 WITHOUT THE REQUIRED HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATE MUST POSSESS A  
4 VALID MISSISSIPPI LICENSE FOR THE SPECIES BEING HUNTED; AND FOR  
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-20.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 49-7-20.1. (1) (a) To reduce hunting accidents of children  
10 under license age, to protect the safety of these children and to  
11 promote hunter safety, a child at least twelve (12) years of age  
12 and under sixteen (16) years of age must have a certificate of  
13 satisfactory completion of a hunter education course approved by  
14 the department before hunting in this state.

15 (b) A child at least twelve (12) years of age and under  
16 sixteen (16) years of age may hunt without having the certificate  
17 of hunter education required under this subsection if the child is  
18 in the presence and under the direct supervision of a licensed or  
19 exempt \* \* \* hunter at least twenty-one (21) years of age when  
20 hunting.

21 (2) A child under the age of twelve (12) must be in the  
22 presence and under the direct supervision of a licensed or  
23 exempt \* \* \* hunter at least twenty-one (21) years of age when the  
24 child is hunting.

25 (3) A licensed hunter supervising a child as provided in  
26 this section must hold a valid Mississippi license for the species  
27 being hunted.

28           (4) There is no penalty for a violation of this section, but  
29 to protect the safety of the child a conservation officer may  
30 require the child to end the hunt and may unload the firearm and  
31 may take the firearm and the child to an adult.

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