

By: Representative Guice

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 1043

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT HUNTING WITHIN ONE-HALF MILE OF ANY  
2 DWELLING; TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND FOR RELATED  
3 PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt  
6 any wild animal or wild bird during any open hunting season on  
7 wild game within one-half (1/2) mile of a dwelling, whether such  
8 dwelling is on public or private lands of another, without the  
9 landowner's permission. If any person is found to be in  
10 violation, such person, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a  
11 Class II violation and punished as provided in Section 49-7-143.

12 (2) For the purposes of this section, the following terms  
13 shall have the meanings ascribed herein:

14 (a) "Dwelling" means a building or conveyance of any  
15 kind that has a roof over it, whether the building or conveyance  
16 is temporary or permanent, mobile or immobile, that is designed to  
17 be occupied by people lodging therein at night, including any  
18 attached porch.

19 (b) "Hunting" means to hunt, chase or to shoot at or  
20 kill or to pursue with the intent to take, kill or wound any wild  
21 animal or wild bird with a firearm, bow or any other device that  
22 serves to launch a projectile.

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