

By: The Entire Membership

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 1076

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 EXEMPT MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF MISSISSIPPI AND WHO
3 ARE ON LEAVE FROM AN ACTIVE TOUR OF DUTY OVERSEAS FROM LICENSURE
4 REQUIREMENTS TO HUNT OR FISH; TO REQUIRE SUCH PERSON TO HAVE ON
5 HIS PERSON WHILE HUNTING OR FISHING PROOF OF AGE AND RESIDENCY AND
6 A VERIFIABLE COPY OF HIS LEAVE ORDERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

10 49-7-5. (1) (a) Any resident, as defined in Section
11 49-7-3, upon application, shall receive a combination resident
12 hunting and fishing license for the sum of Seventeen Dollars
13 (\$17.00). Such license shall qualify the licensee to hunt under
14 this chapter all game and fowl, including deer and turkey, and to
15 fish in any county of the state.

16 (b) Any resident, as defined in Section 49-7-3, upon
17 application, shall receive a resident combination small game
18 hunting and fishing license for the sum of Thirteen Dollars
19 (\$13.00) together with the fee provided in Section 49-7-17 to the
20 office or agent issuing such license. Such hunting license shall
21 qualify the licensee to hunt and fish under this chapter all game
22 and fowl, except deer and turkey, in any county in the state.

23 (c) Any resident of the State of Mississippi, as
24 defined in Section 49-7-3, upon application, shall receive a
25 resident small game license, and for it shall pay the issuing
26 officer or agent the sum of Thirteen Dollars (\$13.00), together
27 with the fee provided in Section 49-7-17 to the officer or agent
28 issuing such license. Such hunting license shall qualify the
29 person holding the same to hunt under the provisions of this

30 chapter, and in season, all game and fowl, except deer and turkey,
31 in any county in the state.

32 (d) Any resident, as defined in Section 49-7-3, upon
33 application, shall receive a sportsman's license for the sum of
34 Thirty-two Dollars (\$32.00). Such license shall qualify the
35 licensee to hunt under this chapter all game and fowl, including
36 deer and turkey, and to fish as provided by law, in any county in
37 the state, and to hunt using primitive weapons and bow and arrow
38 in the manner provided by law. The commission may notify the
39 licensee of the expiration of his license, and the licensee may
40 renew the license by mailing the sum of Thirty-two Dollars
41 (\$32.00) to the commission. A licensee who has not renewed the
42 license within thirty (30) days after the expiration date shall be
43 removed from the commission's records, and the licensee must apply
44 to be placed on the renewal list.

45 (e) In addition to a hunting license allowing the
46 taking of turkey, a resident who hunts turkey during a fall turkey
47 season must purchase a fall turkey hunting permit for a fee of
48 Five Dollars (\$5.00) plus the fee provided in Section 49-7-17. A
49 resident sportsman's licensee or resident lifetime sportsman
50 licensee may hunt during the fall turkey season without purchasing
51 a permit.

52 (f) The commission may offer a resident apprentice
53 hunting license for a resident who does not have the required
54 certificate of hunter education and may set the fee for the
55 apprentice hunting license. An apprentice license may be
56 purchased only one (1) time by a resident and the apprentice
57 hunting licensee must be accompanied by a licensed or exempt
58 resident hunter at least twenty-one (21) years of age when
59 hunting.

60 (2) (a) Any resident citizen of the State of Mississippi
61 who has not reached the age of sixteen (16) years or who has
62 reached the age of sixty-five (65) years, or any resident citizen

63 who is blind, paraplegic, or a multiple amputee, or who has been
64 adjudged by the Veterans Administration as having a total
65 service-connected disability, or has been adjudged to be totally
66 disabled by the Social Security Administration, or any resident
67 citizen who is an active member of the United States Armed Forces
68 on leave from an active tour of duty overseas shall not be
69 required to purchase or have in his possession, a hunting or
70 fishing license while engaged in such activities. A person exempt
71 by reason of total service-connected disability, as adjudged by
72 the Veterans Administration or who has been adjudged to be totally
73 disabled by the Social Security Administration or who is blind,
74 paraplegic or a multiple amputee, shall have in their possession
75 and on their person proof of their age, residency, disability
76 status or other respective physical impairment while engaged in
77 the activities of hunting or fishing. A person exempt by reason
78 of being an active member of the United States Armed Forces on
79 leave from an active tour of duty overseas shall have in their
80 possession and on their person while hunting or fishing proof of
81 their personal identification, age, residency and a verifiable
82 copy of their authorized order of personnel leave.

83 (b) All exempt hunting and fishing licenses previously
84 issued for disabilities shall be null and void effective July 1,
85 1993.

86 (c) The commission may offer a youth all-game hunting
87 and fishing license for exempt youths who have a hunter education
88 certificate and an all-game hunting and fishing license for other
89 persons exempted under paragraph (a). Youths and other exempt
90 persons shall not be required to purchase this license or have it
91 in possession while hunting or fishing. The commission may
92 establish a fee not to exceed Five Dollars (\$5.00) for such
93 licenses.

94 (3) No license shall be required of residents to hunt, fish
95 or trap on lands in which the record title is vested in such
96 person.

97 (4) Any person or persons exempt under this section from
98 procuring a license shall be subject to and must comply with all
99 other terms and provisions of this chapter.

100 (5) Any person authorized to issue any license under this
101 section may collect and retain for the issuance of each license
102 the additional fee authorized under Section 49-7-17.

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