

By: The Entire Membership

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 1076
(As Passed the House)

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 FIGHTING THE GLOBAL WAR
4 ON TERROR FROM LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS TO HUNT OR FISH; TO REQUIRE
5 SUCH PERSON TO HAVE ON HIS PERSON WHILE HUNTING OR FISHING PROOF
6 OF AGE AND RESIDENCY AND A COPY OF HIS FORM 31; AND FOR RELATED
7 PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

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

30 person holding the same to hunt under the provisions of this
31 chapter, and in season, all game and fowl, except deer and turkey,
32 in any county in the state.

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

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

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

61 (2) (a) Any resident citizen of the State of Mississippi
62 who has not reached the age of sixteen (16) years or who has

63 reached the age of sixty-five (65) years, or any resident citizen
64 who is blind, paraplegic, or a multiple amputee, or who has been
65 adjudged by the Veterans Administration as having a total
66 service-connected disability, or has been adjudged to be totally
67 disabled by the Social Security Administration, or any resident
68 citizen who is an active member of the United States Armed Forces
69 on leave from an active tour of duty fighting the global war on
70 terror shall not be required to purchase or have in his
71 possession, a hunting or fishing license while engaged in such
72 activities. A person exempt by reason of total service-connected
73 disability, as adjudged by the Veterans Administration or who has
74 been adjudged to be totally disabled by the Social Security
75 Administration or who is blind, paraplegic or a multiple amputee,
76 shall have in their possession and on their person proof of their
77 age, residency, disability status or other respective physical
78 impairment while engaged in the activities of hunting or fishing.
79 A person exempt by reason of being an active member of the United
80 States Armed Forces on leave from an active tour of duty fighting
81 the global war on terror shall have in their possession and on
82 their person while hunting or fishing proof of their personal
83 identification, age, residency and a copy of their Form 31.

84 (b) All exempt hunting and fishing licenses previously
85 issued for disabilities shall be null and void effective July 1,
86 1993.

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

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

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

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

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