

By: Senator(s) Doxey

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

SENATE BILL NO. 2581

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-20, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO RECEIVES AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM THE  
3 U.S. ARMED FORCES IS NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A HUNTER EDUCATION  
4 COURSE TO OBTAIN A HUNTING LICENSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-20, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 49-7-20. (1) It is unlawful for any person born on or after  
9 January 1, 1972, to procure any Mississippi hunting license,  
10 except a resident apprentice hunting license, unless the person  
11 has been issued certification of satisfactory completion of a  
12 hunter education course approved by the department. This  
13 subsection shall not apply to any person who has received an  
14 honorable discharge from any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces.

15 (2) It is unlawful for any person to issue any Mississippi  
16 hunting license, except a resident apprentice hunting license, to  
17 any person born on or after January 1, 1972, unless the purchaser  
18 has provided valid certification of satisfactory completion of a  
19 hunter education course approved by the department or has provided  
20 proof of an honorable discharge from a branch of the U.S. Armed  
21 Forces.

22 (3) It is unlawful for any person to fraudulently obtain a  
23 hunter education certification.

24 (4) The department may revoke any hunting license or hunter  
25 education certification upon determination that the holder was not  
26 entitled to issuance or obtained the license or certification by  
27 any fraudulent means.

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