

By: Senator(s) Doxey

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

SENATE BILL NO. 2590

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-38, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 ALLOW THE USE OF A CROSSBOW TO HUNT DURING BOW AND ARROW SEASON ON
3 DEER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 49-7-38. (1) (a) The commission may issue a special
8 license to hunt deer, turkey and small game with a crossbow to any
9 person sixty-five (65) years of age or older or to any person
10 having a disability which totally and permanently prevents the
11 person from using a longbow or other conventional archery
12 equipment as first certified by one (1) physician duly licensed to
13 practice medicine in the state. The commission shall designate
14 the fee for the license. The commission shall set the crossbow
15 season for small game. A special licensee under this section may
16 take deer or turkey with a crossbow during the respective seasons
17 on deer and turkey.

18 (b) A person may use a crossbow to hunt deer during the
19 open season on deer with bow and arrow.

20 (2) This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1,
21 2008.

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