

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2786

1 AN ACT TO CONSOLIDATE AND RECODIFY WILDLIFE LAWS PERTAINING
2 TO WILD HOGS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 49-7-31.5 AND 49-7-33, MISSISSIPPI
3 CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) The hunting, taking and trapping of wild
6 hogs shall be governed by this section, notwithstanding any
7 provision of Sections 49-7-13, 49-7-31.5, 49-7-33 and 49-7-59 to
8 the contrary.

9 (2) Landowners, agricultural leaseholders or their
10 designated agents may take wild hogs year-round on lands owned or
11 leased by them.

12 (3) Landowners, agricultural leaseholders or their
13 designated agents may take wild hogs during the night after legal
14 hunting hours, with or without the use of a light with a permit
15 from the commission. The commission shall prescribe the permit
16 and the weapons that may be used to take wild hogs after legal
17 hunting hours.

18 (4) (a) Wild hogs may be taken by the use of traps
19 year-round.

20 (b) Landowners, agricultural leaseholders or their
21 designated agents may use bait to trap wild hogs as prescribed by
22 the commission.

23 (5) The meat of legally taken wild hogs may be bought and
24 sold.

25 (6) The commission may adopt regulations to control wild hog
26 populations and to regulate the taking of wild hogs on public and
27 private lands.

28 **SECTION 2.** Section 49-7-31.5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
29 amended as follows:

30 49-7-31.5. (1) (a) The hunting of predatory and nuisance
31 animals shall be regulated by the * * * department.

32 (b) Landowners, agricultural leaseholders or their
33 designated agents may take predatory and nuisance animals
34 year-round on lands owned or leased by them.

35 (2) The taking of any animal or animals other than beavers,
36 nutria * * * or coyote by the use of a trap or traps is unlawful
37 except during the time the season is open for the taking of
38 fur-bearing animals.

39 (3) Fox and coyote may be run, chased or pursued with dogs,
40 except as provided in Section 49-7-32, year-round by licensed
41 hunters.

42 (4) It is unlawful to trap fox after the closed season for
43 trapping of other fur-bearing animals, except on property owned or
44 leased by the person trapping.

45 **SECTION 3.** Section 49-7-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
46 amended as follows:

47 49-7-33. (1) It is unlawful to hunt, trap or kill any wild
48 bird or wild animal of any kind with the aid of bait, recordings
49 of bird or animal calls, or electrically amplified imitations of
50 calls of any kind, except a person:

51 (a) May use electrically amplified sound devices for
52 hunting coyote and crow;

53 (b) May use liquid scents for any animal or bird; and

54 (c) May use lures for trapping furbearing animals,
55 beaver, coyote, fox and nutria according to regulations adopted by
56 the commission.

57 (2) The commission, in its discretion, may relax the
58 restrictions regarding the use of lures or sound devices if a
59 condition arises or exists, as decided by the State Board of

60 Health or county board of health, that may endanger persons or
61 livestock in a certain community, county or area.

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63 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
64 and after its passage.