

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

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.

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

17 (b) A person may use bait to trap wild hogs as defined
18 in Section 49-7-140 during the period between the end of Spring
19 turkey season and the beginning of deer season with bow and arrow.

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

22 (6) The commission may adopt regulations to control wild hog
23 population and to regulate the taking of wild hogs and shall
24 prescribe the weapons that may be used to take wild hogs after
25 legal hunting hours.

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

28 49-7-31.5. (1) (a) The hunting of predatory and nuisance
29 animals shall be regulated by the * * * department.

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

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

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

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

43 (5) This section shall not apply to wild hogs.

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

46 49-7-33. (1) It is unlawful to hunt, trap or kill any wild
47 bird or wild animal of any kind with the aid of bait, recordings
48 of bird or animal calls, or electrically amplified imitations of
49 calls of any kind, except a person:

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

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

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

56 (2) The commission, in its discretion, may relax the
57 restrictions regarding the use of lures or sound devices if a
58 condition arises or exists, as decided by the State Board of
59 Health or county board of health, that may endanger persons or
60 livestock in a certain community, county or area.

61 (3) This section shall not apply to the taking or trapping
62 of wild hogs.

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