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To: Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

SENATE BILL NO. 2914

1 AN ACT TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE PRIVILEGE OF HUNTING,
2 TRAPPING AND FISHING IN THIS STATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** The Legislature finds that hunting, trapping and
5 fishing are time-honored traditions in the State of Mississippi.
6 From the time prior to statehood, many have enjoyed the bounty of
7 Mississippi's natural resources whether hunting, trapping or
8 fishing the forests and streams of Mississippi for subsistence or
9 recreation. Indeed, hunting, trapping and fishing activity is a
10 vital part of this state's effort to conserve, manage and protect
11 its abundant populations of wild animals, birds and fish. To that
12 end, the Legislature adopts the following as the public policy of
13 the State of Mississippi.

14 **SECTION 2.** Hunting, trapping and fishing are vital parts of
15 the heritage of the State of Mississippi. It shall be the public
16 policy of the State of Mississippi to protect and preserve these
17 activities. The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and
18 Parks, acting by and through the Mississippi Department of
19 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, may regulate hunting, trapping and
20 fishing activities in the State of Mississippi, consistent with
21 its powers and duties under the law. No court of this state may
22 enjoin, suspend, curtail or abrogate any hunting, trapping or
23 fishing activity which is otherwise lawful under the laws of this
24 state or the regulations of the commission, except upon a showing,
25 by clear and convincing evidence, of an immediate threat to the
26 public health, safety and welfare, or other imminent peril. It
27 is, and shall be, the public policy of this state to promote

28 hunting, trapping and fishing and other outdoor recreational
29 opportunities and to preserve these activities for all generations
30 to come.

31 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
32 and after its passage.