Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 1019

TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SENATE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

- 7 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-20.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 8 amended as follows:
- 9 49-7-20.1. (1) (a) To reduce hunting accidents of children
- 10 under license age, to protect the safety of these children and to
- 11 promote hunter safety, a child at least twelve (12) years of age
- 12 and under sixteen (16) years of age must have a certificate of
- 13 satisfactory completion of a hunter education course approved by
- 14 the department before hunting in this state.
- 15 (b) A child at least twelve (12) years of age and under
- 16 sixteen (16) years of age may hunt without having the certificate
- 17 of hunter education required under this subsection if the child is
- 18 in the presence and under the direct supervision of a licensed or
- 19 exempt * * * hunter at least twenty-one (21) years of age when
- 20 hunting.
- 21 (2) A child under the age of twelve (12) must be in the
- 22 presence and under the direct supervision of a licensed or
- 23 exempt * * * hunter at least twenty-one (21) years of age when the
- 24 child is hunting.
- 25 (3) A licensed hunter supervising a child as provided in
- 26 this section must hold a valid Mississippi license for the species
- 27 being hunted.
- 28 (4) There is no penalty for a violation of this section, but
- 29 to protect the safety of the child a conservation officer may
- 30 require the child to end the hunt and may unload the firearm and
- 31 may take the firearm and the child to an adult.

32 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

33 and after July 1, 2007.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-20.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT A LICENSED HUNTER WHO SUPERVISES A CHILD HUNTING

3 WITHOUT THE REQUIRED HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATE MUST POSSESS A

VALID MISSISSIPPI LICENSE FOR THE SPECIES BEING HUNTED; AND FOR

5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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