MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: The Entire Membership

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 1070

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, 2 FISHERIES AND PARKS TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR CHILDREN 3 WITH A LIFE THREATENING ILLNESS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN; AND FOR 4 RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 5 6 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, 7 Fisheries and Parks shall establish a special hunting permit for 8 youth under the age of eighteen (18) who have a life threatening 9 illness. This permit may be for any number of days in length but 10 only for the class of persons deemed to have a life threatening illness by the commission. This special hunting permit for youth 11 having a life threatening illness may occur anytime during the 12 13 calendar year and for any game bird or game animal. However, the 14 commission may not allow these permits during any time that 15 conflicts with laws governing the taking of federally protected birds or species any other seasons. The commission shall select 16 participants, set the cost of permits, if any, the number of 17 permits to be issued and the length of the special permits. 18

(2) The commission may establish and regulate special youth 19 20 hunts for all nonmigratory game birds and animals outside of the open season on wildlife management areas and on private lands for 21 youth under the age of eighteen (18) who are deemed to have a life 22 23 threatening illness. This permit may be for any number of days in 24 length but only for the class of persons deemed to have a life threatening illness by the commission. The commission shall 25 select participants, set the cost of permits, if any, the number 26 27 of permits to be issued and the length of the special permit.

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28 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from 29 and after July 1, 2010.