By: Representative Eaton (By Request)

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 1298

- AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-31.3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
- 2 TO REVISE THE HUNTING SEASON FOR SQUIRREL; AND FOR RELATED
- 3 PURPOSES.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 5 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-31.3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 6 amended as follows:
- 7 49-7-31.3. The open season on game animals except deer shall
- 8 be as follows:
- 9 (a) On squirrel: The season shall open on October 1
- 10 and run through the next following February 28. In addition,
- 11 there may be a spring squirrel season beginning May 2 and running
- 12 through the next following June 1. The bag limit for squirrel
- 13 during the spring season shall be four (4) per day.
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- 15 (b) On rabbits: The season shall open on the Saturday
- 16 nearest October 15 and run through February 28 next following, and
- 17 when rabbits are depredating or destroying crops, the owner of the
- 18 crops or his tenants may shoot the rabbits with guns.
- 19 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 20 and after July 1, 2010.