

By: Senator(s) Gollott, Jackson (11th),
Dearing

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

SENATE BILL NO. 2857
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR WILLFULLY DISCHARGING A
2 FIREARM TOWARD THE DWELLING OF ANOTHER AND CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE
3 DWELLING OR DOMESTICATED ANIMALS OR LIVESTOCK; TO REQUIRE THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TO DEVELOP A SAFETY
5 PROGRAM FOR HIKING, HORSEBACK RIDING AND WALKING TRAILS IN
6 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** A person who willfully discharges his firearm
9 toward the dwelling of another, causing property damage to the
10 dwelling or any domesticated animal or livestock, is guilty of a
11 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand
12 Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment not exceeding twelve (12)
13 months in the county jail, or both.

14 **SECTION 2.** (1) The department shall clearly designate and
15 mark hiking, horseback riding and walking trails on state-owned
16 wildlife management areas. The department shall develop and
17 implement a safety program and regulations for the use of the
18 trails during any gun season.

19 (2) The department is directed to enter into a memorandum of
20 understanding with the USDA Forest Service to develop and
21 implement a safety program and regulations for the use of hiking,
22 horseback riding and walking trails during any gun season in
23 wildlife management areas on national forest lands.

24 **SECTION 3.** A county may regulate the discharge of any
25 firearm or weapon, other than a BB gun, within any platted
26 subdivision. However, no county may prohibit the discharge of any
27 firearm or weapon on land, if such firearm or weapon is discharged
28 in a manner not reasonably expected to cause a projectile from



29 such firearm or weapon to travel across any property line without
30 permission of the property owner.

31 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
32 and after July 1, 2010.

