

By: Representative Eure

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 30

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-31.3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO ESTABLISH A SPRING SEASON ON THE HUNTING OF SQUIRREL, WHICH
3 SHALL BEGIN ONLY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF TURKEY SEASON, AND SHALL
4 LAST FOUR WEEKS; TO ESTABLISH BAG LIMITS FOR BOTH THE REGULAR OPEN
5 SEASON AND SPRING SEASON ON SQUIRREL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-31.3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 49-7-31.3. The open season on game animals except deer shall
10 be as follows:

11 (a) On squirrel:

12 (i) Zone 1: For areas north of Highway 82 plus
13 those portions of Sunflower County and Washington County south of
14 Highway 82 the season shall open on the Saturday nearest October 1
15 and run through February 28.

16 (ii) Zone 2: For areas between Highway 82 and
17 Highway 84, plus such portions of the state south of Highway 84
18 and west of Interstate 55, the season shall open on the Saturday
19 nearest October 15 and run through February 28.

20 (iii) Zone 3: For areas south of Highway 84 and
21 east of Interstate 55 the season shall open on the last Saturday
22 in October and run through February 28.

23 (iv) The bag limit on squirrel during the open
24 season shall be eight (8) per day.

25 (b) In addition to the seasons schedules in paragraph
26 (a) for the hunting of squirrel, there shall also be a statewide
27 spring season on squirrel that shall begin only after May 15 at
28 the conclusion of the open season on wild turkey. The season



29 shall be open for four (4) weeks, and shall not end later than
30 June 16. The bag limit on squirrel during the spring season shall
31 be four (4) per day.

32 (b) On rabbits: The season shall open on the Saturday
33 nearest October 15 and run through February 28 next following, and
34 when rabbits are depredating or destroying crops, the owner of the
35 crops or his tenants may shoot the rabbits with guns.

36 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
37 and after July 1, 2012.

