

By: Representative Holland

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 152

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-31.5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE YEAR-ROUND HUNTING OF WILD HOGS; TO REQUIRE THOSE  
3 PERSONS HUNTING WILD HOGS POSSESSES A PERMIT, ALL-GAME HUNTING  
4 LICENSE OR TRAPPING LICENSE, UNLESS OTHERWISE EXEMPT; TO REQUIRE  
5 PERSONS HUNTING OR TRAPPING WILD HOGS TO PURCHASE A MINIMUM OF  
6 TWENTY-FIVE TAGS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND  
7 PARKS, TO BE ISSUED ANNUALLY AT THE TIME OF THE PURCHASE OF THE  
8 REQUIRED PERMIT OR APPROPRIATE LICENSE; TO AUTHORIZE THE  
9 DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATION TO REGULATE THE  
10 HUNTING OF WILD HOGS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-31.5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
13 amended as follows:

14 49-7-31.5. (1) The hunting, trapping and taking of nuisance  
15 animals shall be regulated by the commission. The commission may  
16 adopt regulations to regulate the hunting, trapping and taking of  
17 nuisance animals and to control the population of nuisance  
18 animals.

19 (2) (a) Landowners, agricultural leaseholders or their  
20 designated agents may take predatory and nuisance animals  
21 year-round on lands owned or leased by them.

22 (b) Landowners, agricultural leaseholders or their  
23 designated agents may take nuisance animals with any type of  
24 weapon and may take nuisance animals during the night after legal  
25 hunting hours on lands owned or leased by them with a permit  
26 issued by the department.

27 (c) No license is required for a resident landowner  
28 hunting or trapping nuisance animals on his own land. An  
29 agricultural leaseholder, designated agent and any other person



30 must possess either an all-game hunting license or trapping  
31 license, unless otherwise exempt.

32 (3) The taking of any animal or animals other than nuisance  
33 animals by the use of a trap or traps is unlawful except during  
34 the time the season is open for the taking of fur-bearing animals.

35 (4) Nuisance animals may be run, chased or pursued with  
36 dogs, except as provided in Section 49-7-32, year-round by  
37 licensed hunters.

38 (5) Nuisance animals may be hunted with the aid of  
39 electronic calls.

40 (6) Nuisance animals may be hunted or trapped with the aid  
41 of bait and lures, on private lands, according to regulations  
42 adopted by the commission.

43 (7) Any part of a nuisance animal may be bought and sold  
44 year-round.

45 (8) Wild hogs may be taken year-round provided that the  
46 individual hunting wild hogs possesses a permit, all-game hunting  
47 license or trapping license, unless otherwise exempt as a resident  
48 landowner under subsection (2)(c) of this section. Each person  
49 hunting or trapping wild hogs shall purchase a minimum of  
50 twenty-five (25) tags from the department, which shall be issued  
51 annually at the time of the purchase of the required permit or  
52 appropriate license. The department shall be authorized to  
53 establish rules and regulation to regulate the hunting of wild  
54 hogs and the fees established with the issuance of tags.

55 (9) (a) Wild hogs may not be caught or trapped and released  
56 into the wild at a location different from the location where the  
57 wild hog was caught or trapped.

58 (b) A violation of this subsection is a Class I  
59 violation and is punishable as provided under Section 49-7-141.

60 (10) When hunting wild hogs during any open gun season on  
61 deer, a hunter must wear in full view at least five hundred (500)  
62 square inches of solid unbroken fluorescent orange.



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

