

By: Representative Buck (5th)

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 192

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 RESTRICT THE USE OF CERTAIN SIZE CONIBEAR OR BODY-GRIPPING TRAPS
3 ON LAND WITHIN PUBLIC LANDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

7 49-7-13. (1) Any resident of the state sixteen (16) years
8 of age or older, upon application, is entitled to receive a state
9 trapper's license with tag for the sum of Twenty-five Dollars
10 (\$25.00), plus the fee provided in Section 49-7-17. This license
11 shall be required of each helper or assistant sixteen (16) years
12 of age or older employed or used by a trapper.

13 (2) (a) No person shall trap on the lands of another unless
14 he has the permission of the landowner.

15 (b) No person shall use a conibear or body-gripping
16 trap with an inside diameter jaw spread exceeding six (6) inches
17 on land within public lands. Conibear or body-gripping traps with
18 inside diameter jaw spread exceeding six (6) inches may be used
19 only in water on public lands.

20 (3) Each trap shall have an identification number
21 permanently inscribed on the trap or attached to the trap by a
22 metal tag. Every trapper shall visit his traps at least every
23 thirty-six (36) hours. The conservation officer may take up any
24 traps not properly marked.

25 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person
26 shall place or set a trap on or within one hundred (100) feet of



27 any street or public road. Public roads shall not be construed to
28 mean public waterways.

29 (5) This section shall not apply to a landowner trapping on
30 his own lands except subsection (4).

31 (6) A trapper shall be allowed to trap fur-bearing animals
32 during trapping season, and sell the pelts of fur-bearing and
33 nuisance animals during the trapping season and for ten (10) days
34 after the close of the season. The meat of legally acquired
35 raccoons, opossums and muskrats may also be bought and sold during
36 trapping season, and for ten (10) days after the close of the
37 season.

38 (7) A municipality or county, or any person who has
39 contracted with a municipality or county for the purpose
40 authorized in this subsection, may place or set only snare traps
41 within one hundred (100) feet of any road or street located within
42 such municipality or county. Before the action authorized by this
43 section is taken, the governing authority of the municipality or
44 the board of supervisors of the county shall make a finding that
45 such placement of snare traps is reasonable and necessary to
46 protect the public safety by removing fur-bearing and nuisance
47 animals that threaten the safety of public roads and bridges.
48 Snares shall be submerged at least fifty percent (50%).

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

