

By: Representatives Sullivan, Horne

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 487

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-153, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE CATEGORIES AND FEES OF RESIDENT LIFETIME SPORTSMAN
3 LICENSES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-153, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 49-7-153. (1) Any resident may purchase a lifetime
8 sportsman hunting and fishing license by filing an application in
9 the office of the department. The license shall qualify the
10 licensee to take all fish, game and fowl, except waterfowl,
11 including deer and turkey, in the manner provided by law. The
12 license shall also permit the licensee to hunt with primitive
13 weapons and bow and arrow, and to fish in the public waters of the
14 state, including the taking of crabs, oysters, shrimp and any
15 saltwater fish authorized to be taken under a recreational
16 license.

17 (2) The department may issue a resident lifetime sportsman
18 license at a fee to be determined by the commission at an amount
19 not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for a person
20 sixteen (16) years of age or older, not less than Six Hundred
21 Dollars (\$600.00) for a person from twelve (12) to sixteen (16)
22 years of age, not less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for a
23 person from seven (7) to eleven (11) years of age, and not less
24 than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for a person less than seven
25 (7) years of age. All lifetime licenses shall be issued from the
26 office of the department. Each application for a lifetime license
27 must be accompanied by a certified copy of the birth certificate



28 of the individual to be named as the license holder, if the
29 individual is twelve (12) years of age or under.

30 (3) The commission shall establish proof of residency
31 requirements for the purchase of a lifetime license, and shall
32 also establish such restrictions on and regulations for lifetime
33 licenses as it deems necessary and proper. Except for applicants
34 who are younger than eighteen (18) months of age, an applicant for
35 a resident lifetime license must have been domiciled in this state
36 for eighteen (18) consecutive months immediately preceding the
37 date of his application for a license. The burden of proving
38 domicile shall be on the applicant.

39 (4) The department may issue a native son or daughter
40 nonresident lifetime sportsman hunting and fishing license. The
41 commission shall establish the fee, but the fee shall not be less
42 than One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). The applicant
43 must provide a certified copy of the original birth certificate
44 showing that the applicant was born in Mississippi and/or if the
45 parents' address was in Mississippi at the time of birth as shown
46 on the birth certificate or other documents and/or official
47 documents reflect that one of said parents was on active military
48 service outside the State of Mississippi at the time of said
49 birth. Further, if the birth certificate of each parent reflects
50 that each parent was born in the State of Mississippi, then any
51 child born outside the State of Mississippi of those parents may
52 be issued a nonresident lifetime sportsman license for the above
53 set out fee.

54 (5) Any materially false statement contained in an
55 application for a lifetime license renders void the license issued
56 pursuant to that application, and subjects the applicant to
57 criminal prosecution under Section 49-7-45.

58 (6) Nothing in this section exempts an applicant for a
59 lifetime license from meeting other qualifications or requirements



60 otherwise established by law for the privilege of hunting or
61 fishing.

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

