

By: Representative Eaton

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 843

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 LESSEN THE PENALTY IMPOSED FOR HUNTING OR TRAPPING ALLIGATORS AND
3 ALLIGATOR TURTLES OUT OF SEASON WITHOUT THE REQUIRED PERMIT; AND
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 49-7-47. (1) The commission may control, regulate and
9 manage the taking of all alligators.

10 (2) Residents and nonresidents shall be required to purchase
11 a combination hunting and fishing license to hunt, kill or catch
12 any alligator for sporting purposes.

13 (3) Residents and nonresidents shall be required to obtain a
14 special permit to hunt, kill, catch or possess any alligator for
15 commercial purposes. The commission may establish a reasonable
16 fee for an annual special sporting permit, not to exceed Two
17 Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), and may prescribe regulations governing
18 commercial trade in alligators. Any reasonable fee established
19 for an annual special commercial permit shall not exceed Five
20 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Such permit shall be good from the
21 date of its issuance to June 30 following its date.

22 (4) Any person violating this section is guilty, upon
23 conviction, of a Class II offense and is punishable as provided in
24 Section 49-7-143.

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

