

By: Representative Eaton

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks; Appropriations

## HOUSE BILL NO. 863

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-153, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO CREATE AN ADDITIONAL CATERGORY OF RESIDENT LIFETIME SPORTSMAN  
3 LICENSE; TO PROVIDE THAT THIS SECTION SHALL STAND REPEALED JULY 1,  
4 2013; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

18 (2) The department may issue a resident lifetime sportsman  
19 license at a fee to be determined by the commission at an amount  
20 not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for a person  
21 thirteen (13) years of age or older, not less than Five Hundred  
22 Dollars (\$500.00) for a person from six (6) to twelve (12) years  
23 of age, and not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for a  
24 person from birth to six (6) years of age. All lifetime licenses  
25 shall be issued from the office of the department. Each  
26 application for a lifetime license must be accompanied by a  
27 certified copy of the birth certificate of the individual to be



28 named as the license holder, if the individual is twelve (12)  
29 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 (7) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2015.

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

