

By: Senator(s) Hudson

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

SENATE BILL NO. 2028

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-20, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 EXEMPT RESIDENTS WHO ARE ACTIVE OR RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED  
3 FORCES OR ACTIVE OR RETIRED SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FROM  
4 THE REQUIREMENT OF COMPLETING A HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE TO OBTAIN  
5 A HUNTING LICENSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-20, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 49-7-20. (1) (a) It is unlawful for any person born on or  
10 after January 1, 1972, to procure any Mississippi hunting license,  
11 except a resident apprentice hunting license, unless the person  
12 has been issued certification of satisfactory completion of a  
13 hunter education course approved by the department.

14 (b) Any resident who is an active or honorably  
15 discharged member of the Armed Forces, including the Reserves and  
16 National Guard, or who is an active or honorably retired sworn law  
17 enforcement officer who has completed all officer training program  
18 requirements imposed by the Board on Law Enforcement Officer  
19 Standards and Training is exempt from the requirement of  
20 completing a hunter education course to obtain a hunting license  
21 under this subsection.

22 (2) It is unlawful for any person to issue any Mississippi  
23 hunting license, except a resident apprentice hunting license, to  
24 any person born on or after January 1, 1972, unless the purchaser  
25 has provided valid certification of satisfactory completion of a  
26 hunter education course approved by the department or is exempt  
27 under subsection (1) of this section.



28           (3) It is unlawful for any person to fraudulently obtain a  
29 hunter education certification.

30           (4) The department may revoke any hunting license or hunter  
31 education certification upon determination that the holder was not  
32 entitled to issuance or obtained the license or certification by  
33 any fraudulent means.

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

