

By: Senator(s) Watson

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks; Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2728

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A PERSON TO OBTAIN A PERMIT TO HUNT DEER
2 WITH DOGS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED AT NO COST BY
3 THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS; TO REQUIRE THE
4 PERMIT TO BE ON THE INDIVIDUAL'S PERSON WHILE HUNTING WITH DOGS;
5 TO REQUIRE THE PERMIT NUMBER TO BE ATTACHED TO THE COLLAR ON DEER
6 DOGS; TO REQUIRE A PERSON TO KEEP HIS DOGS ON THE PERMITTED
7 PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS; AND FOR RELATED
8 PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** (1) A person hunting deer with dogs must obtain
11 an annual permit to use the dogs to hunt deer on private or public
12 lands. The department shall issue the permit at no cost. The
13 permit is renewable and a person may keep the same permit number.

14 (2) If the permit is for use on private lands, the applicant
15 must include with the application the following:

16 (a) Information about the private property, including a
17 boundary map; and

18 (b) A copy of the hunting lease or written permission
19 from the landowner for hunting on the property.

20 (3) (a) The permit must be on the individual's person while
21 hunting with dogs on the property.

22 (b) The permit number must be on or attached to the
23 collar of each dog used for taking deer.

24 (c) A person using dogs to take deer on private
25 property is required to keep the dogs on the permitted private
26 property.

27 (4) The commission may adopt regulations to implement this
28 section.



29 (5) (a) For a first offense, a person violating this
30 section is guilty of a Class III violation and is punishable as
31 provided in Section 49-7-101.

32 (b) For a second offense committed within five (5)
33 years from the date of conviction of the first offense, a person
34 violating this section is guilty of a Class II violation and is
35 punishable as provided in Section 49-7-143.

36 (c) For a third or subsequent offense committed within
37 five (5) years of the date of conviction of the first offense, a
38 person violating this section is guilty of a Class I violation and
39 is punishable as provided in Section 49-7-141.

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

