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To: Military Affairs; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 102

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND
2 PARKS TO DESIGNATE "WOUNDED WARRIOR SPECIAL HUNT AREAS" WITHIN
3 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AND WILDLIFE REFUGES; TO LIMIT GUEST
4 ADMITTANCE TO SUCH AREAS TO ONLY ONE PERSON FOR EACH ELIGIBLE
5 VETERAN, SERVICE MEMBER, AND CERTAIN OTHER PERSONS; TO AUTHORIZE
6 THE COMMISSION TO ADOPT THE NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR
7 THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and
10 Parks may designate one or more areas within wildlife management
11 areas and wildlife refuges under the commission's control as
12 "Wounded Warrior Special Hunt Areas" to honor wounded veterans and
13 service members. The purpose of these designated areas is to
14 provide special outdoor recreational opportunities for eligible
15 veterans and service members.

16 (2) The Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks may
17 limit guest admittance to the designated areas to any person who:

18 (a) Is an active duty member of any branch of the
19 United States Armed Forces and has a combat-related injury as



20 determined by his or her branch of the United States Armed Forces;
21 or

22 (b) Is a veteran who served during a period of wartime
23 service as defined in Title 38, United States Code, or peacetime
24 service as defined in subsection (5) of this section and who:

25 (i) Has a service-connected disability as
26 determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or

27 (ii) Was discharged or released from military
28 service because of a disability acquired or aggravated while
29 serving on active duty.

30 (3) The department may grant admittance to the designated
31 areas to one (1) person who is not an eligible veteran or service
32 member for purposes of accompanying an eligible veteran or service
33 member who requires assistance to use the designated areas.

34 (4) For the purpose of this act, the term "peacetime
35 service" means Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, or Air Force
36 service that is not during a wartime service.

37 (5) The commission may adopt any rules and regulations
38 deemed necessary to administer the provision of this act.

39 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
40 and after July 1, 2013.

