

By: Representative Eaton

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 174

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

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

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

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

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

12 (3) Residents and nonresidents shall be required to obtain a  
13 special permit to hunt, kill, catch or possess any alligator for  
14 commercial purposes. The commission may establish a reasonable  
15 fee for an annual special sporting permit, not to exceed Two  
16 Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), and may prescribe regulations governing  
17 commercial trade in alligators. Any reasonable fee established  
18 for an annual special commercial permit shall not exceed Five



19 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Such permit shall be good from the  
20 date of its issuance to June 30 following its date.

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

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

