

By: Senator(s) Ward, Gollott, Massey, Moran

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 2048

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-38, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT A RESIDENT WITH AN ARCHERY/PRIMITIVE WEAPON LICENSE  
3 MAY USE A CROSSBOW DURING ANY ARCHERY OR PRIMITIVE WEAPON SEASON;  
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 49-7-38. (1) The commission may issue a special license to  
9 hunt deer, turkey and small game with a crossbow to any person  
10 sixty-five (65) years of age or older or to any person having a  
11 disability which totally and permanently prevents the person from  
12 using a longbow or other conventional archery equipment as first  
13 certified by one (1) physician duly licensed to practice medicine  
14 in the state. The commission shall designate the fee for the  
15 license. The commission shall set the crossbow season for small  
16 game. A special licensee under this section may take deer or  
17 turkey with a crossbow during the respective seasons on deer and  
18 turkey.



19           (2) \* \* \* In addition, irrespective of age or disability,  
20 any resident who purchases an archery/primitive weapon license may  
21 hunt with a crossbow during any archery or primitive weapon  
22 season.

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

