

By: Senator(s) Ward

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

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; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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



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

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

