

By: Representatives White, Bennett

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 487

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-140, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO EXTEND THE REPEALER ON THE PROVISION OF LAW THAT PROHIBITS THE
3 IMPORTATION AND TRANSPORTATION OF ANY LIVE FERAL HOG, WILD SWINE
4 OR RUSSIAN BOAR, AND PROVIDES THAT SUCH WILD HOGS MAY BE CAUGHT,
5 TRAPPED OR TRANSPORTED BY PERMIT HOLDERS; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-140, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 49-7-140. (1) No person may import into the state or
11 release into the wild, any live feral hog, wild swine or Russian
12 Boar.

13 (2) No person may transport on public roads or off of the
14 property of record where captured or relocate within the state any
15 live feral hog, wild swine or Russian Boar, except as permitted by
16 the department.

17 (3) For the purposes of this section, "feral hogs, wild
18 swine or Russian Boar" are defined as any hog that is not a
19 domesticated pet or livestock.



20 (4) A violation of this section is a Class I violation
21 punishable as provided in Section 49-7-141.

22 (5) (a) Wild hogs may be caught or trapped and transported
23 within the State of Mississippi, with a permit, issued by the
24 Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. Wild
25 hogs may not be released or removed alive from any mobile device
26 or vehicle, except that wild hogs may be released alive for the
27 purpose of slaughter into an enclosure no larger than five hundred
28 (500) square feet in size and constructed in a manner that
29 prevents the escape of any wild hog, or to a facility where the
30 hog may be immediately prepared for slaughter. The commission
31 shall promulgate rules and regulations for the issuance of a hog
32 transportation permit consistent with this subsection, provided
33 that the authority to issue such a permit is based on the
34 determination that the individuals, at the time of requesting such
35 permit:

36 (i) Does not have a history of repeat hunting
37 offenses; or

38 (ii) Has not had his or her hunting privileges
39 revoked.

40 (b) Any person transporting a live wild hog within the
41 State of Mississippi must first obtain from the Mississippi
42 Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, a live wild hog
43 transportation permit, as provided above, for each wild hog being
44 transported.



45 (c) A violation of any regulation of the commission
46 promulgated under the authority provided in this section shall be
47 a Class II violation, per each animal in violation, and punishable
48 as provided in Section 49-7-143. In addition to the penalties
49 provided therein, upon conviction, the violator shall forfeit all
50 hunting, trapping and fishing privileges for a period of one (1)
51 year from the date of conviction.

52 (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit
53 the lawful transport of domestic swine for customary and ordinary
54 purposes of intrastate or interstate commerce, or agricultural
55 practices.

56 (7) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, * * *2019.

57 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
58 and after July 1, 2016.

