

By: Representative Bounds

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 1151
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 49-7-5 AND 49-7-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE
2 OF 1972, TO REVISE THE FEES REQUIRED FOR HUNTING AND FISHING
3 LICENSES; TO MAKE THE INCREASE OF RESIDENT LICENSES CONTINGENT
4 UPON THE INCREASE OF NONRESIDENT LICENSES BY THE COMMISSION ON
5 WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

9 Until the Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and
10 Parks increases the fee for nonresident licenses in accordance
11 with the authority provided in Section 49-7-8, this section shall
12 read as follows:]

13 49-7-5. (1) (a) Any resident, as defined in Section
14 49-7-3, upon application, shall receive a combination resident
15 hunting and fishing license for the sum of Seventeen Dollars
16 (\$17.00). The license shall qualify the licensee to hunt under
17 this chapter all game and fowl, including deer and turkey, and to
18 fish in any county of the state.



19 (b) Any resident, as defined in Section 49-7-3, upon
20 application, shall receive a resident combination small game
21 hunting and fishing license for the sum of Eight Dollars (\$8.00)
22 together with the fee provided in Section 49-7-17 to the office or
23 agent issuing the license. The hunting license shall qualify the
24 licensee to hunt and fish under this chapter all game and fowl,
25 except deer and turkey, in any county in the state.

26 (c) Any resident, as defined in Section 49-7-3, upon
27 application, shall receive a sportsman's license for the sum of
28 Thirty-two Dollars (\$32.00). The license shall qualify the
29 licensee to hunt under this chapter all game and fowl, including
30 deer and turkey, and to fish as provided by law, in any county in
31 the state, and to hunt using primitive weapons and bow and arrow
32 in the manner provided by law. The commission may notify the
33 licensee of the expiration of his license, and the licensee may
34 renew the license by mailing the sum of Thirty-two Dollars
35 (\$32.00) to the commission. A licensee who has not renewed the
36 license within thirty (30) days after the expiration date shall be
37 removed from the commission's records, and the licensee must apply
38 to be placed on the renewal list.

39 (d) In addition to a hunting license allowing the
40 taking of turkey, a resident who hunts turkey during a fall turkey
41 season must purchase a fall turkey hunting permit for a fee of
42 Five Dollars (\$5.00) plus the fee provided in Section 49-7-17. A
43 resident sportsman's licensee or resident lifetime sportsman



44 licensee may hunt during the fall turkey season without purchasing
45 a permit.

46 (e) The commission may offer a resident apprentice
47 hunting license for a resident who does not have the required
48 certificate of hunter education and may set the fee for the
49 apprentice hunting license. An apprentice license may be
50 purchased only one (1) time by a resident and the apprentice
51 hunting licensee must be accompanied by a licensed or exempt
52 resident hunter at least twenty-one (21) years of age when
53 hunting.

54 (2) (a) Any resident citizen of the State of Mississippi
55 who has not reached the age of sixteen (16) years or who has
56 reached the age of sixty-five (65) years, or any resident citizen
57 who is blind, paraplegic, or a multiple amputee, or who has been
58 adjudged by the Veterans Administration as having a total
59 service-connected disability, or has been adjudged to be totally
60 disabled by the Social Security Administration shall not be
61 required to purchase or have in his possession, a hunting or
62 fishing license while engaged in such activities. A person exempt
63 by reason of total service-connected disability, as adjudged by
64 the Veterans Administration or who has been adjudged to be totally
65 disabled by the Social Security Administration or who is blind,
66 paraplegic or a multiple amputee, shall have in their possession
67 and on their person proof of their age, residency, disability



68 status or other respective physical impairment while engaged in
69 the activities of hunting or fishing.

70 (b) Any resident who is a member of the Armed Forces,
71 including the Reserves and National Guard, and on active duty
72 outside the State of Mississippi is not required to purchase or
73 have in his possession a hunting or fishing license while engaged
74 in such activities on leave from active duty. The resident shall
75 have in his possession and on his person any proof as may be
76 required by the commission.

77 (c) All exempt hunting and fishing licenses previously
78 issued for disabilities shall be null and void effective July 1,
79 1993.

80 (d) The commission may offer a youth all-game hunting
81 and fishing license for exempt youths who have a hunter education
82 certificate and an all-game hunting and fishing license for other
83 persons exempted under paragraph (a). Youths and other exempt
84 persons shall not be required to purchase this license or have it
85 in possession while hunting or fishing. The commission may
86 establish a fee not to exceed Five Dollars (\$5.00) for the
87 licenses.

88 (3) No license shall be required of residents to hunt, fish
89 or trap on lands in which the record title is vested in such
90 person.



91 (4) Any person or persons exempt under this section from
92 procuring a license shall be subject to and must comply with all
93 other terms and provisions of this chapter.

94 (5) Any person authorized to issue any license under this
95 section may collect and retain for the issuance of each license
96 the additional fee authorized under Section 49-7-17.

97 **[From and after the increase of nonresident license fees by**
98 **the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks in accordance with**
99 **the authority provided in Section 49-7-8, this section shall read**
100 **as follows:]**

101 49-7-5. (1) (a) Any resident, as defined in Section
102 49-7-3, upon application, shall receive a combination resident
103 hunting and fishing license for the sum of * * * Twenty-five
104 Dollars (\$25.00). The license shall qualify the licensee to hunt
105 under this chapter all game and fowl, including deer and turkey,
106 and to fish in any county of the state.

107 (b) Any resident, as defined in Section 49-7-3, upon
108 application, shall receive a resident combination small game
109 hunting and fishing license for the sum of * * * Ten Dollars
110 (\$10.00) together with the fee provided in Section 49-7-17 to the
111 office or agent issuing the license. The hunting license shall
112 qualify the licensee to hunt and fish under this chapter all game
113 and fowl, except deer and turkey, in any county in the state.

114 (c) Any resident, as defined in Section 49-7-3, upon
115 application, shall receive a sportsman's license for the sum



116 of * * * Forty-five Dollars (\$45.00). The license shall qualify
117 the licensee to hunt under this chapter all game and fowl,
118 including deer and turkey, and to fish as provided by law, in any
119 county in the state, and to hunt using primitive weapons and bow
120 and arrow in the manner provided by law. The commission may
121 notify the licensee of the expiration of his license, and the
122 licensee may renew the license by mailing the sum of * * *
123 Forty-five Dollars (\$45.00) to the commission. A licensee who has
124 not renewed the license within thirty (30) days after the
125 expiration date shall be removed from the commission's records,
126 and the licensee must apply to be placed on the renewal list.

127 (d) In addition to a hunting license allowing the
128 taking of turkey, a resident who hunts turkey during a fall turkey
129 season must purchase a fall turkey hunting permit for a fee of
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135 hunting license for a resident who does not have the required
136 certificate of hunter education and may set the fee for the
137 apprentice hunting license. An apprentice license may be
138 purchased only one (1) time by a resident and the apprentice
139 hunting licensee must be accompanied by a licensed or exempt



140 resident hunter at least twenty-one (21) years of age when
141 hunting.

142 (2) (a) Any resident citizen of the State of Mississippi
143 who has not reached the age of sixteen (16) years or who has
144 reached the age of sixty-five (65) years, or any resident citizen
145 who is blind, paraplegic, or a multiple amputee, or who has been
146 adjudged by the Veterans Administration as having a total
147 service-connected disability, or has been adjudged to be totally
148 disabled by the Social Security Administration shall not be
149 required to purchase or have in his possession, a hunting or
150 fishing license while engaged in such activities. A person exempt
151 by reason of total service-connected disability, as adjudged by
152 the Veterans Administration or who has been adjudged to be totally
153 disabled by the Social Security Administration or who is blind,
154 paraplegic or a multiple amputee, shall have in their possession
155 and on their person proof of their age, residency, disability
156 status or other respective physical impairment while engaged in
157 the activities of hunting or fishing.

158 (b) Any resident who is a member of the Armed Forces,
159 including the Reserves and National Guard, and on active duty
160 outside the State of Mississippi is not required to purchase or
161 have in his possession a hunting or fishing license while engaged
162 in such activities on leave from active duty. The resident shall
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180 procuring a license shall be subject to and must comply with all
181 other terms and provisions of this chapter.

182 (5) Any person authorized to issue any license under this
183 section may collect and retain for the issuance of each license
184 the additional fee authorized under Section 49-7-17.

185 **SECTION 2.** Section 49-7-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
186 amended as follows:

187 **Until the Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and**
188 **Parks increases the fee for nonresident licenses in accordance**



189 **with the authority provided in Section 49-7-8, this section shall**
190 **read as follows:]**

191 49-7-9. (1) (a) Each resident of the State of Mississippi,
192 as defined in Section 49-7-3, fishing in the public fresh waters
193 of the state, including lakes and reservoirs, but not including
194 privately owned ponds and streams, shall purchase a combination
195 small game hunting and fishing license as provided in Section
196 49-7-5 for Eight Dollars (\$8.00). Any resident purchasing a
197 license as prescribed in this subsection shall be entitled to
198 fish, in accordance with the regulations and ordinances of the
199 commission, in all public fresh waters within the territory of the
200 State of Mississippi.

201 (b) A resident may purchase a resident fishing license
202 valid for a period of three (3) days for the sum of Three Dollars
203 (\$3.00).

204 (c) No license shall be required of any resident
205 citizen of the State of Mississippi who has not reached the age of
206 sixteen (16) years or who has reached the age of sixty-five (65)
207 years or who is blind, paraplegic, a multiple amputee or has been
208 adjudged by the Veterans Administration as having a total
209 service-connected disability, or has been adjudged totally
210 disabled by the Social Security Administration. Such person shall
211 not be required to purchase or have in his possession a hunting or
212 fishing license while engaged in such activities.



213 (d) A person exempt by reason of age, total
214 service-connected disability as adjudged by the Veterans
215 Administration or total disability as adjudged by the Social
216 Security Administration or who is blind, paraplegic or a multiple
217 amputee, shall have in their possession and on their person proof
218 of their age, residency, disability status or other respective
219 physical impairment while engaged in the activities of hunting or
220 fishing.

221 (e) Any resident who is a member of the Armed Forces,
222 including the Reserves and National Guard, and on active duty
223 outside the State of Mississippi is not required to purchase or
224 have in his possession a hunting or fishing license while engaged
225 in such activities on leave from active duty. Such resident shall
226 have in his possession and on his person such proof as may be
227 required by the commission.

228 (2) (a) All persons fishing in privately owned lakes or
229 ponds shall have specific permission to do so from the owner of
230 such lake or pond.

231 (b) Residents do not need a fishing license to fish in
232 those waters, except when the owner of the lake or pond charges a
233 fee for fishing, then a resident must have a fishing license to
234 fish in those waters unless exempted under subsection (1) of this
235 section.

236 (3) The first weekend of "National Fishing and Boating Week"
237 in June of each year is designated as "Free Fishing Weekend."



238 July 4 is designated as "Free Fishing Day." Any person may sport
239 fish without a license on "Free Fishing Weekend," and on "Free
240 Fishing Day."

241 (4) Any person authorized to issue any license under this
242 section may collect and retain for issuing each license the
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300 additional fee authorized under Section 49-7-17.

301 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
302 and after July 1, 2016.

