

By: Representative Barnett

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 1157

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-1-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TO SET
3 FEES FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO AN OFFICIAL MAGAZINE; TO AUTHORIZE THE
4 PUBLISHING OF A DIGITAL MAGAZINE; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TO SELL ADVERTISEMENTS TO OFFSET THE
6 COST OF THE MAGAZINE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 49-1-35. (1) The commission may publish an official
11 magazine concerning the activities of the department and other
12 matters of interest to Mississippi hunters, fishermen, boaters and
13 other outdoorsmen. The commission may set, charge and collect a
14 fee for subscriptions and make such other rules and regulations as
15 may be necessary for the publishing of such magazine. * * *

16 (2) For the purposes of this section, the term "publish"
17 includes the publishing and production of the current print
18 version of a magazine, as well as the production and distribution
19 of a digital version of the magazine which shall be available
20 exclusively online and/or in a mobile application.



21 (3) In order to offset costs related to the print and
22 digital versions of the magazine, and to minimize subscription
23 costs, the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks
24 is authorized to sell advertisements in and on any media falling
25 under its control, including the official magazine, the
26 department's website and any mobile application.

27 (4) The department may establish a fund to be known as the
28 MS Outdoors Fund. The proceeds from subscriptions and sales of
29 advertisements shall be deposited in such fund. Monies in such
30 fund shall be deposited in an interest-bearing account in an
31 approved state depository. Proceeds from this account, along with
32 the interest earned on the same, for each fiscal year's magazine
33 shall be transferred to the * * * department's operating account
34 to defray the publishing expenses of MS Outdoors, the digital
35 magazine and related expenses.

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

