

By: Representative Boyd

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 4

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE,  
2 FISHERIES AND PARKS FROM ISSUING CITATIONS PENALIZING ANY LICENSED  
3 HUNTER ENGAGED IN HUNTING FOR DEER OR HOGS WITH DOGS ON ANY STATE  
4 OR COUNTY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA WHEN SUCH HUNTER ENTERS THE  
5 PROPERTY OF ANOTHER TO RETRIEVE A RUNAWAY DOG; TO PROVIDE THAT THE  
6 HUNTER SHALL BE CIVILLY LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES CAUSED BY A  
7 TRESPASSING DOG; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries  
10 and Parks in issuing a permit to any licensed hunter for the  
11 purpose of allowing such hunter to engage in hunting for deer or  
12 hogs with dogs on any state or county wildlife management area,  
13 shall not penalize any individual engaged in such hunting  
14 activities for entering the property of another for the purpose of  
15 retrieving a runaway dog making trespass onto such property.  
16 However, the hunter shall be civilly liable for any damages caused  
17 by a trespassing dog on any property described in this section to  
18 the extent that reparations are made to the applicable state or  
19 county wildlife management area administrator.



20           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
21 and after July 1, 2017.

