

By: Representative Gipson

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 170

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-31.3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO EXTEND SQUIRREL SEASON THROUGH THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH, SUBJECT  
3 TO A DAILY BAG LIMIT OF THREE SQUIRRELS PER HUNTER; AND FOR  
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-31.3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 49-7-31.3. The open season on game animals except deer shall  
9 be as follows:

10 (a) On squirrel: The season shall open on October 1  
11 and run through \* \* \* March 7 next following. However, during the  
12 period of time from February 28 through March 7, the daily bag  
13 limit on squirrel is three (3) per hunter. In addition, the  
14 commission is authorized to set a season that shall open not  
15 earlier than May 15 and run not later than June 1 next following.

16 (b) On rabbits: The season shall open on the Saturday  
17 nearest October 15 and run through February 28 next following, and  
18 when rabbits are depredating or destroying crops, the owner of the  
19 crops or his tenants may shoot the rabbits with guns.



20           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
21 and after July 1, 2018.

