

By: Representative Banks

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 591

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-8-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 CLASSIFY POISONOUS OR VENOMOUS SNAKES AS ANIMALS INHERENTLY  
3 DANGEROUS TO HUMANS FOR PURPOSES OF THE STATUTES PROHIBITING THE  
4 IMPORTATION, SALE AND POSSESSION OF INHERENTLY DANGEROUS WILD  
5 ANIMALS WITHOUT A PERMIT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

9 49-8-5. The following wild animals are classed as animals  
10 inherently dangerous to humans:

11 (a) Order Primates:

12 (i) Family Pongidae (gibbons, orangutan,  
13 chimpanzees, siamangs and gorillas) - all species;

14 (ii) Family Cercopithecidae:

15 A. Genus Macaca (macaques) - all species;

16 B. Genus Papio (mandrills, drills and  
17 baboons) - all species;

18 C. Theropithecus Gelada (Gelada baboon);

19 (b) Order Carnivora:



- 20 (i) Family Canidae:
- 21 A. Genus Canis (wolves, jackals and dingos;
- 22 all species, including crosses between wolves and domestic
- 23 animals);
- 24 B. Chrysocyon brachyurus (maned wolf);
- 25 C. Cuon alpinus (red dog);
- 26 D. Lycaon pictus (African hunting dog);
- 27 (ii) Family Ursidae (bears) - all species;
- 28 (iii) Family Mustelidae - Gulo gulo (wolverine);
- 29 (iv) Family Hyaenidae (hyenas) - all species;
- 30 (v) Family Felidae:
- 31 A. Genus Leo or Panthera or Neofelis (lions,
- 32 tigers, jaguars and leopards) - all species;
- 33 B. Unica unica (snow leopard);
- 34 C. Acinonyx jubatus (cheetah);
- 35 D. Felis concolor (cougar) - all subspecies;
- 36 (c) Order Proboscidae: Family Elephantidae (elephants)
- 37 - all species;
- 38 (d) Order Perissodactyla: Family Rhinocerotidae
- 39 (rhinoceroses) - all species;
- 40 (e) Order Artiodactyla:
- 41 (i) Family Hippopotamidae - Hippopotamus amphibius
- 42 (hippopotamus);
- 43 (ii) Family Bovidae: Syncerus caffer (African
- 44 buffalo) \* \* \*;



45                   (f) Suborder Serpentes: Snakes - all poisonous or  
46 venomous species.

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

