

By: Representatives Bounds, Morgan

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 1389

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-58.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE THE OWNER OF ANY ENCLOSURE CONTAINING AND PREVENTING
3 THE FREE EGRESS OF WHITE-TAILED DEER TO MAKE APPLICATION TO, AND
4 RECEIVE A PERMIT FROM, THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND
5 PARKS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-58.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 49-7-58.1. (1) The owner of any enclosure containing
10 white-tailed deer that prevents the free egress of white-tailed
11 deer from the enclosed area * * * must make application to, and
12 receive a permit from, the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and
13 Parks. The person shall give his name, the location of the
14 enclosure, the acreage within the enclosure, and whether any deer
15 have been imported into the state and placed in the enclosure, and
16 any other information required by the Commissioner on Wildlife,
17 Fisheries and Parks.

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19 (* * *2) The owner of * * * a permitted enclosure shall
20 comply with any testing of white-tailed deer harvested within the
21 enclosure as may be required by the department. If chronic
22 wasting disease is diagnosed within five (5) miles of the
23 enclosure, the owner of such enclosure shall allow department
24 personnel to enter the enclosure to utilize lethal collection
25 methods to obtain tissue samples for testing. If chronic wasting
26 disease is diagnosed within the enclosure, the owner shall allow
27 department personnel to enter the enclosure and depopulate the
28 white-tailed deer within the enclosure.

29 (* * *3) A violation of this section is a Class I violation
30 and is punishable as provided in Section 49-7-141.

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

