

By: Senator(s) Hill

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2921

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-58.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT OWNERS OF ANY ENCLOSURE CONTAINING WHITE-TAILED
3 DEER THAT PREVENTS THE FREE EGRESS OF WHITE-TAILED DEER FROM THE
4 ENCLOSED AREA SHALL APPLY TO, AND BE PERMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT
5 OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS FOR A PERMIT; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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19 (* * *2) The owner of such an enclosure shall comply with
20 any testing of white-tailed deer harvested within the enclosure as



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

