

By: Representatives Hood, Barnett

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1472

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-38, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 ALLOW PERSONS EXEMPT FROM HAVING A HUNTING LICENSE BY REASON OF  
3 DISABILITY TO USE AN AIR BOW DURING ANY OPEN SEASON ON DEER,  
4 TURKEY OR SMALL GAME; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 49-7-38. (1) (a) Any person who is exempt from having a  
9 hunting license and any person licensed to hunt deer with a bow or  
10 primitive weapon may hunt with a crossbow or bow and arrow during  
11 any open season on deer, turkey or small game.

12 (b) A person exempt from having a hunting license by  
13 reason of total service-connected disability, as adjudged by the  
14 Veterans Administration, or who has been adjudged to be totally  
15 disabled by the Social Security Administration, or who is  
16 paraplegic or a multiple amputee, may hunt with an air bow during  
17 any open season on deer, turkey, or small game. For the purposes  
18 of this section, "air bow" means a device that uses compressed air  
19 to propel arrows.



20           (2) When hunting during any gun season on deer, the hunter  
21 must comply with Section 49-7-31.1.

22           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
23 and after July 1, 2019.

