

By: Senator(s) Whaley, Blackwell

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

SENATE BILL NO. 2485

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE STATEWIDE OF A PERMIT FOR  
2 HUNTING WITH DOGS, TO BE PATTERNED AFTER THE PERMIT AUTHORIZED IN  
3 HOMOCHITTO NATIONAL FOREST UNDER THE REGULATIONS OF THE  
4 MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS; AND FOR  
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The permit for hunting with dogs in Homochitto  
8 National Forest shall be authorized statewide under the same terms  
9 and conditions, except geographic limitations, applying to the  
10 permit under Title 40, Part 2, Chapter 1, Rule 2.2F of the  
11 Mississippi Administrative Code on January 1, 2021, as follows:

12 (a) From November 1 to January 31, all dog hunting  
13 groups or individuals hunting with dogs must obtain a permit to  
14 use dogs to hunt any animal or to train dogs on areas open to deer  
15 hunting with dogs in the State of Mississippi.

16 (b) There is no cost for this permit. A permit will be  
17 issued to the dog hunting group.



18 (c) All hunters hunting with this group must be listed  
19 on the permit prior to hunting, except youth fifteen (15) years of  
20 age and younger.

21 (d) All hunters hunting with dogs or with the dog  
22 hunting group must have the permit on their person while hunting.

23 (e) Five (5) guest permits will be available in  
24 addition to the individuals listed on the permit. A guest permit  
25 will be valid for four (4) consecutive days and must be filled out  
26 with the date, the hunter's name and hunting license number, and  
27 the guest permit must be signed by the hunter prior to use.

28 (f) All guests must have the permit on their person  
29 while hunting.

30 (g) Guest permits must be turned in to the department  
31 for replacement guest permits to be issued. When guest permits  
32 are turned in, a season permit will be issued for these  
33 individuals, and replacement guest permits will be issued to the  
34 group.

35 (h) Permit numbers must be visually displayed on the  
36 back window of all vehicles in the hunting group.

37 (i) A permit number will be provided with each  
38 individual permit issued. Hunters must display this permit number  
39 using three-inch, block numbers in contrast to the background  
40 color.

41 (j) Permits will be available from the department  
42 office.



43 (k) Dogs must wear a functional tracking collar and be  
44 identified at all times with the permit number and the owner's  
45 contact information. Dogs must be kept on the lands that allow  
46 deer hunting with dogs.

47 (l) A person who violates any provision of this section  
48 is guilty of a Class III offense, as provided in Section 49-7-101,  
49 and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than Twenty-Five  
50 Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

51 (m) An administrative review panel of department  
52 officials may, upon two (2) convictions for violations of this  
53 section, or upon documented evidence of two (2) violations of this  
54 section, within a three-year period, revoke the dog hunting permit  
55 for a period of twenty (20) days. Upon three (3) convictions for  
56 violations of this section, or upon documented evidence of three  
57 (3) violations of this section, within a three-year period, the  
58 dog hunting permit may be revoked for a period of one (1) year.

59 (n) Any person who files a false affidavit alleging a  
60 violation or violations of this section, provides false  
61 information regarding a violation of this section, or facilitates  
62 a situation which will cause a violation of this section may be  
63 subject to prosecution for perjury and, if found guilty, punished  
64 under the provisions of Section 97-9-19, and/or subject to a civil  
65 suit for false prosecution by the person accused of the violation.

66 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this act shall be codified in Title  
67 49, Chapter 7, Mississippi Code of 1972.



68           **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
69 and after July 1, 2021.

