

By: Representative Arnold

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 1003

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND  
2 PARKS FROM REDUCING THE WHITE-TAILED DEER POPULATION AS A RESULT  
3 OF SUCH DEER TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 OR ANY OF ITS VARIANTS,  
4 OR BEING EXPOSED TO THE VIRUS THAT CAUSES COVID-19; AND FOR  
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks  
8 shall not reduce the white-tailed deer population as a result of  
9 such deer testing positive for coronavirus 19 (COVID-19) or any of  
10 its variants, or being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.

11 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
12 and after its passage.

