

By: Senator(s) Seymour

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

SENATE BILL NO. 2492

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-140, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REMOVE THE SIZE LIMITATION ON THE ENCLOSURE THAT A WILD HOG MAY
3 BE RELEASED INTO FOR PURPOSE OF SLAUGHTER; TO REQUIRE THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TO ISSUE METALLIC TAGS
5 THAT MUST BE AFFIXED TO THE EAR OF EACH WILD HOG BEING TRANSPORTED
6 WITHIN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-140, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 49-7-140. (1) No person may import into the state or
11 release into the wild, any live * * * wild hog.

12 (2) No person may transport on public roads or off of the
13 property of record where captured or relocate within the state any
14 live * * * wild hog, except as * * * authorized in this section.

15 (3) For the purposes of this section, "wild hog" means any
16 "feral * * * hog, wild swine * * * and Russian Boar" * * * and any
17 other hog that is not a domesticated pet or livestock.

18 (4) A violation of this section is a Class I violation
19 punishable as provided in Section 49-7-141.



20 (5) (a) Wild hogs may be caught or trapped and transported
21 within the State of Mississippi, with a permit, issued by the
22 Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. Wild
23 hogs may not be released or removed alive from any mobile device
24 or vehicle, except that wild hogs may be released alive for the
25 purpose of slaughter into an enclosure * * * constructed in a
26 manner that prevents the escape of any wild hog, or to a facility
27 where the hog may be immediately prepared for slaughter. The
28 department shall issue metallic tags to each permittee that must
29 be affixed to an ear of each wild hog being transported. The
30 commission shall promulgate rules and regulations for the issuance
31 of * * * hog transportation permits and tags consistent with this
32 subsection * * *. The * * * department shall not issue * * * a
33 permit * * * or any tags unless the department determines at the
34 time * * * the permit is requested that the individual requesting
35 the permit:

36 (i) Does not have a history of repeat hunting
37 offenses; or

38 (ii) Has not had his or her hunting privileges
39 revoked.

40 (b) Any person transporting a live wild hog within the
41 State of Mississippi must first obtain from the * * *
42 department * * * a live wild hog transportation permit and tags,
43 as provided * * * in this subsection. Each wild hog being



44 transported shall have a tag attached to one (1) ear which shall
45 remain in the ear of the hog until it is slaughtered.

46 (c) A violation of any regulation of the commission
47 promulgated under the authority provided in this section shall be
48 a Class I violation and punishable as provided in Section
49 49-7-141. In addition to the penalties provided therein, upon
50 conviction, the violator shall forfeit all hunting, trapping and
51 fishing privileges for a period of one (1) year from the date of
52 conviction.

53 (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit
54 the lawful transport of domestic swine for customary and ordinary
55 purposes of intrastate or interstate commerce, or agricultural
56 practices.

57 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
58 and after July 1, 2022.

