

By: Senator(s) Suber, Seymour

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

SENATE BILL NO. 2536

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 CLARIFY THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO BUY OR SELL OR TO OFFER FOR SALE,  
3 EXCHANGE FOR MERCHANDISE, OR OTHER CONSIDERATION, ANY GAME BIRDS,  
4 GAME ANIMALS OR GAME FISH, OR PARTS THEREOF, UNLESS SPECIFICALLY  
5 PERMITTED BY LAW AS AN EXCEPTION PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE; AND  
6 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
9 amended as follows:

10 49-7-51. (1) (a) It is unlawful for any person to buy or  
11 sell or to offer for sale, exchange for merchandise, or other  
12 consideration, within this state, any game birds, game animals, or  
13 game fish, or parts thereof, named in this chapter, whether taken  
14 within or coming from without the state, except as specifically  
15 permitted by law \* \* \* as an exception delineated by the  
16 Legislature in this chapter.

17 (b) It is lawful for the following items to be bought  
18 and sold in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated  
19 by the commission:



20 (i) The skins and sinew of deer and products  
21 crafted, fashioned or made from deer bones or antlers not in  
22 velvet;

23 (ii) Any part of a wild turkey, except the meat;  
24 and

25 (iii) Any parts of nuisance animals.

26 (c) Mounted game animals, birds and fish may not be  
27 sold, purchased or leased.

28 (d) A violation of this subsection is a Class I  
29 violation and is punishable as provided in Section 49-7-141.

30 (2) Any person who buys, sells, offers for sale, exchange  
31 for merchandise, or other consideration, any wild bird, wild  
32 animal or fish that has been taken illegally is guilty of a Class  
33 I violation and punished as provided in Section 49-7-141.

34 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
35 and after July 1, 2023.

