

By: Representative Kinkade

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 1206

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-31.4, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE DATES ON OPEN SEASON FOR FUR-BEARING ANIMALS AND HUNTING
3 OPOSSUMS, RACOONS AND BOBCATS WITH DOGS AND GUNS; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-31.4, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 49-7-31.4. (1) The commission may fix the open season on
9 fur-bearing animals between November 1 and March * * * 15 next
10 following and fix the open season for hunting opossums, raccoons
11 and bobcats with dogs and guns by licensed hunters from October 1
12 to * * * March 15 next following; but raccoons and bobcats may be
13 run, hunted, chased or pursued throughout the year with dogs by
14 licensed hunters.

15 (2) The commission may establish an additional open season
16 on raccoon from July 1 through October 1, and the bag limit on
17 raccoon during the additional open season shall be one (1) per
18 party, per night.



19 (3) When the open season on fur-bearing animals, including
20 any additional open season on raccoon, ends on a Friday, the
21 commission shall have the authority to extend the season until
22 thirty (30) minutes after sunset on the following Sunday.

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

