

By: Senator(s) Suber, Jackson

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 2662

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-31.5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT WILD HOGS MAY BE HUNTED, TRAPPED AND TAKEN WITH  
3 THE AID OF UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES, OR DRONES, TO THE EXTENT  
4 PERMITTED BY FEDERAL LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-31.5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 49-7-31.5. (1) The hunting, trapping and taking of nuisance  
9 animals shall be regulated by the commission. The commission may  
10 adopt regulations to regulate the hunting, trapping and taking of  
11 nuisance animals and to control the population of nuisance  
12 animals.

13 (2) (a) Landowners, agricultural leaseholders or their  
14 designated agents may take predatory and nuisance animals  
15 year-round on lands owned or leased by them.

16 (b) Landowners, agricultural leaseholders or their  
17 designated agents may take nuisance animals with any type of  
18 weapon and may take nuisance animals during the night after legal



19 hunting hours on lands owned or leased by them with a permit  
20 issued by the department.

21 (c) No license is required for a resident landowner  
22 hunting or trapping nuisance animals on his own land. An  
23 agricultural leaseholder, designated agent and any other person  
24 must possess either an all-game hunting license or trapping  
25 license, unless otherwise exempt.

26 (d) No license is required for a recipient of the  
27 Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered in combat, to hunt nuisance  
28 animals on private lands. Persons exempt from purchasing a  
29 hunting license under this paragraph shall have in their  
30 possession and on their person a copy of their DD-214 discharge  
31 form indicating the receipt of the Purple Heart Medal and any  
32 proof as may be required by the commission or the Department of  
33 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, while engaged in such activities.

34 (3) The taking of any animal or animals other than nuisance  
35 animals by the use of a trap or traps is unlawful except during  
36 the time the season is open for the taking of fur-bearing animals.

37 (4) Nuisance animals may be run, chased or pursued with  
38 dogs, except as provided in Section 49-7-32, year-round by  
39 licensed hunters.

40 (5) Nuisance animals may be hunted with the aid of  
41 electronic calls.



42 (6) Nuisance animals may be hunted or trapped with the aid  
43 of bait and lures, on private lands, according to regulations  
44 adopted by the commission.

45 (7) Any part of a nuisance animal may be bought and sold  
46 year-round.

47 (8) (a) Wild hogs may not be caught or trapped and released  
48 into the wild at a location different from the location where the  
49 wild hog was caught or trapped, or otherwise transported live in  
50 the State of Mississippi.

51 (b) A violation of this subsection is a Class I  
52 violation and is punishable as provided under Section 49-7-141.

53 (9) When hunting wild hogs during any open gun season on  
54 deer, a hunter must wear in full view at least five hundred (500)  
55 square inches of solid unbroken fluorescent orange.

56 (10) Wild hogs may be hunted, trapped and taken with the aid  
57 of unmanned aerial vehicles, or drones, to the extent permitted by  
58 federal law.

59 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
60 and after July 1, 2024.

