

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and  
Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2935

1       AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 CLARIFY THE SELLING OF SKINS BY A TRAPPER; TO PROVIDE THAT THE  
3 MEAT OF RACCOONS AND MUSKRATS MAY BE SOLD DURING TRAPPING SEASON;  
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6       SECTION 1. Section 49-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8       49-7-13. (1) Any resident of the state sixteen (16) years  
9 of age or older, upon application \* \* \*, is entitled to receive a  
10 state trapper's license with tag for the sum of Twenty-five  
11 Dollars (\$25.00), together with the fee provided in Section  
12 49-7-17 to the officer issuing same. This license shall be  
13 required of each helper or assistant sixteen (16) years of age or  
14 older employed or used by a trapper.

15       (2) No person shall trap or set a trap on lands in which the  
16 record title is vested in another person unless he has a prior  
17 agreement with the landowner which allows him to trap or set a  
18 trap on the lands of the landowner.

19       (3) Every trap shall have an identification number attached  
20 to traps by a metal tag or permanently inscribed, etched or  
21 stamped on traps and every trapper shall be required to visit his  
22 traps at least every thirty-six (36) hours. The conservation  
23 officer shall be authorized to take up any traps not properly  
24 marked.

25       (4) No person shall place or set a trap on or within one  
26 hundred (100) feet of any street or public road. Public roads  
27 shall not be construed to mean public waterways.

28           (5) This section shall not apply to a landowner trapping on  
29 his own lands except subsection (4).

30           (6) A holder of a trapping license shall be allowed to catch  
31 and sell skins of fur-bearing and predatory animals during  
32 trapping season. The meat of legally acquired raccoons and  
33 muskrats may also be bought and sold during trapping season.

34           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
35 and after July 1, 1999.