

By: Ford

To: Game and Fish

HOUSE BILL NO. 255
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THE PROVISION OF LAW THAT
3 AUTHORIZES THE COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH BAG LIMITS FOR GAME
4 ANIMALS, BIRDS AND FISH; TO CLARIFY CERTAIN LANGUAGE CONCERNING
5 THE ANNUAL BAG LIMIT ON ANTLERED BUCK DEER; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 49-7-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 49-7-41. (1) The commission may set the bag limits for game
11 animals, birds and fish, unless the bag limits are established by
12 the Legislature by statute. This subsection shall stand repealed
13 on July 1, 2001.

14 (2) (a) The bag limit on antlered buck deer is one (1) buck
15 per day, not to exceed three (3) per license year. An antlered
16 buck deer must have antlers of four (4) points or greater to be
17 taken.

18 (b) The bag limit on antlerless deer is one (1) per
19 day, not to exceed five (5) per license year; except that two (2)
20 additional antlerless deer per license year may be taken with a
21 bow and arrow. Antlerless deer may be taken only in the areas
22 prescribed by order of the commission. It is illegal to take a
23 spotted fawn in any season.

24 (c) It is unlawful for a nonresident to kill an
25 antlerless deer except: (i) a nonresident may take antlerless
26 deer on lands that the title is vested in the nonresident or on
27 lands that the nonresident has leased the hunting and fishing
28 rights; or (ii) a nonresident who has a native son or daughter

29 nonresident lifetime sportsman license or a resident lifetime
30 sportsman license may take antlerless deer on private lands,
31 wildlife management areas or national wildlife refuges.

32 (3) The bag limit on antlerless deer set by this section
33 shall not apply to private lands under the deer management
34 assistance program or the fee-based antlerless program as approved
35 by the department.

36 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
37 and after July 1, 2000.