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To: Wildlife and  
Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2078

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 EXTEND THE REPEALER ON THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE  
3 FISHERIES AND PARKS TO SET GAME BAG LIMITS; AND FOR RELATED  
4 PURPOSES.

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

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

8 49-7-41. (1) The commission may set the bag limits for game  
9 animals, birds and fish, unless the bag limits are established by  
10 the Legislature by statute. This subsection shall stand repealed  
11 on July 1, 2004.

12 (2) (a) The bag limit on buck deer is one (1) buck per day,  
13 not to exceed three (3) per license year. Only buck deer with  
14 antlers of four (4) points or greater may be taken.

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

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

28 wildlife management areas or national wildlife refuges.

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

33       SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
34 and after its passage.