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To: Wildlife and  
FisheriesSENATE BILL NO. 2078  
(As Sent to Governor)

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; TO REDUCE THE BAG  
6 LIMIT ON ANTLERLESS DEER PER LICENSE YEAR; AND FOR RELATED  
7 PURPOSES.

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

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

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 This subsection shall stand repealed  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

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

19 (b) The bag limit on antlerless deer is one (1) per  
20 day, not to exceed three (3) per license year; except that two (2)  
21 additional antlerless deer per license year may be taken with a  
22 bow and arrow. Antlerless deer may be taken only in the areas  
23 prescribed by order of the commission. It is illegal to take a  
24 spotted fawn in any season.

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

29 rights; or (ii) a nonresident who has a native son or daughter  
30 nonresident lifetime sportsman license or a resident lifetime  
31 sportsman license may take antlerless deer on private lands,  
32 wildlife management areas or national wildlife refuges.

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

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