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To: Wildlife and
Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2370

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-4-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS OBTAIN THE APPROVAL OF
4 THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TO HIRE AND FIRE
5 EMPLOYEES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 49-4-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:[LTR1]

9 49-4-13. * * * The executive director of the
10 department * * * shall have the following powers and duties:

11 (a) To supervise and direct all administrative and
12 technical activities of the department;

13 (b) To employ * * * qualified professional personnel in
14 the subject matter or fields, and such other technical and
15 clerical staff as may be required for the operation of the
16 department;

17 (c) To coordinate all studies in the State of
18 Mississippi concerned with the supply, development, use and
19 conservation of wildlife, fisheries and parks;

20 (d) To prepare and deliver to the Legislature and the
21 Governor on or before January 1 of each year, and at such other
22 times as may be required by the Legislature or Governor, a full

23 report of the work of the department, including a detailed
24 statement of expenditures of the department and any
25 recommendations the department may have;

26 (e) To enter into cooperative agreements with any
27 federal or state agency or subdivision thereof, or any public or
28 private institution located inside or outside the State of
29 Mississippi, or any person, corporation or association in
30 connection with studies and investigations pertaining to wildlife,
31 fisheries and parks, provided the agreements do not have a
32 financial cost in excess of the amounts appropriated for such
33 purposes by the Legislature;

34 (f) In his discretion, to enter into an affinity
35 relationship with a credit card issuer and to expend funds derived
36 therefrom to improve wildlife management areas; and

37 (g) To carry out all regulations and rules adopted by
38 the commission and enforce all licenses and permits issued by the
39 commission.

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