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To: Wildlife and
Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2479

1 AN ACT TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 49-7-153, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO REVIEW THE CATEGORIES OF LIFETIME LICENSES FOR POSSIBLE
3 ELIMINATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 49-7-153, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 brought forward as follows:[LTR1]

7 49-7-153. (1) Any resident may purchase a lifetime
8 sportsman license by filing an application in the office of the
9 department. The license shall qualify the licensee to take all
10 fish, game and fowl, except waterfowl, including deer and turkey,
11 in the manner provided by law. The license shall also permit the
12 licensee to hunt with primitive weapons and bow and arrow, and to
13 take crabs, oysters, shrimp and any other saltwater fish
14 authorized to be taken under a recreational permit. Any resident
15 may purchase a lifetime fishing license by filing an application
16 in the office of the department. The lifetime fishing license
17 shall entitle the licensee to fish in the public waters of the
18 state, including the taking of crabs, oysters, shrimp and any
19 saltwater fish authorized to be taken under a recreational permit.

20 (2) The department may issue a lifetime sportsman license at
21 a fee to be determined by the commission at an amount not less

22 than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for a person over twelve (12)
23 years of age; not less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for a
24 person between the ages of two (2) years and twelve (12) years
25 inclusive; and not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for a
26 person under two (2) years of age. The department may issue a
27 golden lifetime sportsman license at a fee to be determined by the
28 commission, in an amount not less than One Thousand Dollars
29 (\$1,000.00). The categories for lifetime fishing licenses shall
30 be the same as the categories for lifetime sportsman licenses.
31 The fee for each category of lifetime fishing licenses shall be
32 one-half (1/2) of the fee for the comparable category of sportsman
33 licenses. The difference in the fee charged for the golden
34 lifetime license and the fee for a lifetime license shall be
35 considered a donation to the Wildlife Endowment Fund. All
36 lifetime licenses shall be issued from the office of the
37 department. Each application for a lifetime license must be
38 accompanied by a certified copy of the birth certificate of the
39 individual to be named as the license holder, if the individual is
40 twelve (12) years of age or under.

41 (3) The commission shall establish proof of residency
42 requirements for the purchase of a lifetime license, and shall
43 also establish such restrictions on and regulations for lifetime
44 licenses as it deems necessary and proper. An applicant for a
45 resident lifetime license must have been domiciled in this state
46 for eighteen (18) consecutive months immediately preceding the
47 date of his application for a license. The burden of proving
48 domicile shall be on the applicant.

49 (4) (a) The department may issue a nonresident lifetime
50 sportsman license for a fee which shall be established by the
51 commission. The fee for such license shall not be less than Three
52 Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).

53 (b) The department may issue a native son or daughter
54 nonresident lifetime sportsman license. The fee shall be One
55 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). The applicant must provide a
56 certified copy of the original birth certificate showing that the
57 applicant was born in Mississippi and/or if the parents' address
58 was in Mississippi at the time of birth as shown on the birth
59 certificate.

60 (5) Any materially false statement contained in an
61 application for a lifetime license renders void the license issued
62 pursuant to that application, and subjects the applicant to
63 criminal prosecution under Section 49-7-45.

64 (6) Nothing in this section exempts an applicant for a
65 lifetime license from meeting other qualifications or requirements
66 otherwise established by law for the privilege of hunting or
67 fishing.

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