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To: Wildlife and
Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 3092

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-59, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROHIBIT THE USE OF SPOTLIGHTS FROM A PUBLIC ROAD AFTER A CERTAIN
3 TIME; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 49-7-59, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:[LTR1]

7 49-7-59. (1) It is unlawful for any person to hunt any wild
8 animal or wild bird during the night from one-half (1/2) hour
9 after sunset to one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise, either with or
10 without the use of a light, except:

11 (a) Beavers, bobcats, fox, opossums and raccoons; and

12 (b) Coyotes by a landowner, agricultural leaseholder or
13 his designated agent on lands owned or leased by the owner or
14 leaseholder.

15 (2) The commission shall prescribe the weapons that may be
16 used to hunt game under subsection (1).

17 (3) It is unlawful for a person to shine a light from a
18 public road onto the adjoining lands of another during the night
19 from one-half (1/2) hour after sunset to one-half (1/2) hour
20 before sunrise. This subsection does not apply to the normal use
21 of headlights of a vehicle traveling on a public road, to law
22 enforcement, emergency or utility personnel in the performance of
23 their duty, or to a lessee on lands leased by the lessee.

24 (4) A violation of this section is a Class II violation and
25 is punishable as provided in Section 49-7-143.

26 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from

27 and after July 1, 2000.