

By: Senator(s) Smith

To: Public Property

SENATE BILL NO. 2265
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND
2 PARKS, ACTING THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
3 ADMINISTRATION, TO SELL AND CONVEY TO THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN
4 WARS, POST 9122, CERTAIN STATE-OWNED LAND LOCATED IN SIMPSON
5 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. (1) The Mississippi Department of Wildlife,
8 Fisheries and Parks, acting through the Department of Finance and
9 Administration, upon meeting the requirements of Section 29-1-1,
10 shall sell and convey to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9122,
11 a parcel of state-owned property situated in Simpson County,
12 Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

13 Commence at the NE Corner of the SW/4 of the NE/4
14 Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 5 East, Simpson
15 County, Mississippi, and run thence South 01° 39' W, 501
16 ft. to the Point of Beginning for the lands herein
17 conveyed. From said Point of Beginning continue and run
18 South 809 ft. to the SE Corner of said SW/4 of the NE/4,
19 Section 21; run thence North 89° 02' W, 751.27 ft. to a
20 point on the R.O.W. of the Northbound Lane of U.S.
21 Highway 49; run thence North 47° 16' W, 110.75 ft. to a
22 concrete marker; run North 55° 13' W, 186.82 ft. to a
23 concrete marker, continue North 34° 37' W, 156.08 ft. to
24 a concrete marker; thence continue to run along the
25 North R.O.W. line North 58° 00' W, 365 ft. to a point;
26 from said point run thence North 76° 30' E, 1381 ft. to
27 the Point of Beginning. All of said land lying and
28 being situated in the SW/4 of the NE/4, Section 21,

29 Township 1 North, Range 5 East, Simpson County,
30 Mississippi, containing in the aggregate 20 acres, more
31 or less, and less and except that parcel heretofore
32 conveyed to the V.F.W. Post 9122 as same is recorded in
33 Deed Book 919 at Page 672 of the Land Records located in
34 the Chancery Clerk's Office, Simpson County,
35 Mississippi.

36 (2) The real property described in subsection (1) of this
37 section shall be sold for not less than the current fair market
38 value as determined by the averaging of at least two (2)
39 appraisals by qualified appraisers who shall be selected by the
40 Department of Finance and Administration and shall be certified
41 and licensed by the Mississippi Real Estate Appraiser Licensing
42 and Certification Board.

43 (3) The proceeds from the sale and conveyance of the real
44 property described in subsection (1) of this section shall be used
45 first to reimburse the Department of Finance and Administration
46 for any costs incurred by the department regarding the sale and
47 conveyance, and the remaining proceeds from such sale and
48 conveyance shall be deposited into a special fund in the State
49 Treasury to be used by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife,
50 Fisheries and Parks for the general support of the department.

51 (4) When the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries
52 and Parks, acting through the Department of Finance and
53 Administration, sells and conveys the real property described in
54 subsection (1) of this section to the Veterans of Foreign Wars,
55 Post 9122, then the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9122, or any
56 successor in interest, shall not establish, operate or maintain,
57 within twenty-five (25) years after the effective date of this
58 act, any weapons firing range or shooting range on the property or
59 any courses or trails for the use of all-terrain vehicles on the
60 property.

61 (5) The State of Mississippi shall retain all mineral rights
62 to the real property sold pursuant to this section.

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