

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2516

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 CLARIFY THAT A PRIMITIVE WEAPON LICENSE IS ONLY REQUIRED DURING  
3 PRIMITIVE WEAPON SEASON; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 49-7-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 49-7-37. (1) Any resident of this state licensed to hunt or  
8 otherwise take any legal game bird or game animal in this state by  
9 or with the use of firearms, may hunt, kill, shoot or otherwise  
10 take game animals or game birds by the use of falcons or hawks as  
11 may be prescribed by the commission and in compliance with federal  
12 guidelines.

13 (2) The commission may extend the special archery seasons on  
14 any public hunting projects, game refuges or prescribed areas  
15 having surplus deer populations.

16 (3) The killing by primitive firearms of an antlerless deer  
17 or any other deer protected during the regular deer season is  
18 prohibited, but the commission may designate areas of the state in  
19 which the killing of antlerless deer may be permitted or limited.

20 (4) The commission may make reasonable rules and regulations  
21 concerning the special seasons with falcons and hawks, bow and  
22 arrow and primitive firearms which it deems necessary and proper.  
23 The commission shall define the term "primitive firearm" for  
24 purposes of this section and other law or regulation.

25 (5) The use of dogs shall be prohibited for hunting deer  
26 during any of the special hunting seasons.

27           (6) In addition to a hunting license allowing the taking of  
28 deer, any resident desiring to hunt deer with bow and arrow or  
29 primitive firearm during primitive weapon or archery season shall  
30 purchase a special resident archery and/or primitive firearms  
31 license at a fee of Fourteen Dollars (\$14.00) for each license  
32 plus the fee provided in Section 49-7-17.

33           (7) Any person violating this section is guilty of a Class  
34 II violation and shall be punished as provided in Section  
35 49-7-143.

36           (8) All seasons provided for herein shall begin on Saturday.

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