

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2587

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 CLARIFY THAT THE LICENSE INCLUDES FISHING AND TO INCREASE THE FEE
3 FOR A SPORTSMAN LICENSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

7 49-7-5. (1) (a) Any resident, as defined in Section
8 49-7-3, upon application, shall receive a combination resident
9 hunting and fishing license for the sum of Seventeen Dollars
10 (\$17.00). Such license shall qualify the licensee to hunt under
11 this chapter all game and fowl, including deer and turkey, and to
12 fish in any county of the state.

13 (b) Any resident, as defined in Section 49-7-3, upon
14 application, shall receive a resident combination small game
15 hunting and fishing license for the sum of Thirteen Dollars
16 (\$13.00) together with the fee provided in Section 49-7-17 to the
17 office or agent issuing such license. Such hunting license shall
18 qualify the licensee to hunt and fish under this chapter all game
19 and fowl, except deer and turkey, in any county in the state.

20 (c) Any resident of the State of Mississippi, as
21 defined in Section 49-7-3, upon application, shall receive a
22 resident small game license, and for it shall pay the issuing
23 officer or agent the sum of Thirteen Dollars (\$13.00), together
24 with the fee provided in Section 49-7-17 to the officer or agent
25 issuing such license. Such hunting license shall qualify the
26 person holding the same to hunt under the provisions of this

27 chapter, and in season, all game and fowl, except deer and turkey,
28 in any county in the state.

29 (d) Any resident, as defined in Section 49-7-3, upon
30 application, shall receive a sportsman's hunting and fishing
31 license for the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). Such license shall
32 qualify the licensee to hunt under this chapter all game and fowl,
33 including deer and turkey, and to fish as provided by law, in any
34 county in the state, and to hunt using primitive weapons and bow
35 and arrow in the manner provided by law. The commission may
36 notify the licensee of the expiration of his license, and the
37 licensee may renew the license by mailing the license fee to the
38 commission. A licensee who has not renewed the license within
39 thirty (30) days after the expiration date shall be removed from
40 the commission's records, and the licensee must apply to be placed
41 on the renewal list.

42 (2) (a) Any resident citizen of the State of Mississippi
43 who has not reached the age of sixteen (16) years or who has
44 reached the age of sixty-five (65) years, or any resident citizen
45 who is blind, paraplegic, or a multiple amputee, or who has been
46 adjudged by the Veterans Administration as having a total
47 service-connected disability, or has been adjudged to be totally
48 disabled by the Social Security Administration shall not be
49 required to purchase or have in his possession, a hunting or
50 fishing license while engaged in such activities. A person exempt
51 by reason of total service-connected disability, as adjudged by
52 the Veterans Administration or who has been adjudged to be totally
53 disabled by the Social Security Administration or who is blind,
54 paraplegic or a multiple amputee, shall have in their possession
55 and on their person proof of their age, residency, disability
56 status or other respective physical impairment while engaged in
57 the activities of hunting or fishing.

58 (b) All exempt hunting and fishing licenses previously
59 issued for disabilities shall be null and void effective July 1,
60 1993.

61 (3) No license shall be required of residents to hunt, fish
62 or trap on lands in which the record title is vested in such
63 person.

64 (4) Any person or persons exempt under this section from
65 procuring a license shall be subject to and must comply with all
66 other terms and provisions of this chapter.

67 (5) Any person authorized to issue any license under this
68 section may collect and retain for the issuance of each license
69 the additional fee authorized under Section 49-7-17.

70 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
71 and after July 1, 2001.