

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

## SENATE BILL NO. 2781

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-1-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT GAME MAY BE DONATED TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES  
3 THAT PREPARE FOOD FOR PRISONERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

7 49-1-37. The edible portions of all game or fur-bearing  
8 animals, game birds, and fish seized under the provisions of this  
9 chapter or any other law for the protection of wild animals,  
10 birds, or fish, shall be disposed of by the department or under  
11 its direction to \* \* \* charitable institutions \* \* \* within the  
12 state and to local law enforcement agencies having facilities to  
13 prepare food for prisoners. Skins or pelts of fur-bearing  
14 animals, taken illegally, may be seized and sold by order of the  
15 department, and the funds received for same shall be paid into the  
16 Fisheries and Wildlife Fund. Nongame birds, fish and animals or  
17 parts thereof, and the plumes or skins of game birds of foreign  
18 species shall be disposed of by the department, or under its  
19 direction, by gift to scientific institutions, or, in the  
20 discretion of the department, they shall be kept by it for  
21 scientific or educational purposes, or may be destroyed. The  
22 officer disposing of any such animals, birds, fish or parts  
23 thereof, shall take a receipt from the donee for any such gift,  
24 which receipt shall be filed in the office of the department, and  
25 the department shall keep a permanent record of such gifts.

26 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
27 and after July 1, 2002.

