

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
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 needy recipients, charitable institutions * * *
12 within the state and to local law enforcement agencies having
13 facilities to prepare food for prisoners. Skins or pelts of
14 fur-bearing animals, taken illegally, may be seized and sold by
15 order of the department, and the funds received for same shall be
16 paid into the Fisheries and Wildlife Fund. Nongame birds, fish
17 and animals or parts thereof, and the plumes or skins of game
18 birds of foreign species shall be disposed of by the department,
19 or under its direction, by gift to scientific institutions, or, in
20 the 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.

