MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION 2002

By: Senator(s) Posey To: Wildlife and Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2910

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-8-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF INHERENTLY DANGEROUS ANIMALS RELATED TO WOLF-HYBRIDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 49-8-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-8-5. The following wild animals are classed as animals inherently dangerous to humans:

(a) Order Primates:

(i) Family Pongidae (gibbons, orangutan, chimpanzees, siamangs and gorillas) - all species;

(ii) Family Cercopithecidae:

A. Genus Macaca (macaques) - all species;

B. Genus Papio (mandrills, drills and baboons) - all species;

C. Theropithecus Gelada (Gelada baboon);

(b) Order Carnivora:

(i) Family Canidae:

A. Genus Canis (wolves, jackals and dingos; all species, except domestic dogs<u>; does not include</u> crosses between wolves and domestic animals);

B. Chrysocyon brachyurus (maned wolf);

C. Cuon alpinus (red dog);

D. Lycaon pictus (African hunting dog);

(ii) Family Ursidae (bears) - all species;

(iii) Family Mustelidae - Gulo gulo (wolverine);

(iv) Family Hyaenidae (hyenas) - all species;

(v) Family Felidae:

A. Genus Leo or Panthera or Neofelis (lions, tigers, jaguars and leopards) - all species;

B. Unica unica (snow leopard);

C. Acinonyx jubatus (cheetah);

D. Felis concolor (cougar) - all subspecies;

(c) Order Proboscidae: Family Elephantidae (elephants) - all species;

(d) Order Perissodactyla: Family Rhinocerotidae (rhinoceroses) - all species;

(e) Order Artiodactyla:

(i) Family Hippopotamidae - Hippopotamus amphibius (hippopotamus);

(ii) Family Bovidae: Syncerus caffer (African buffalo).

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