

By: Representatives Hamilton, Baker, Hudson

To: Game and Fish

HOUSE BILL NO. 889

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 EXEMPT FROM HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS ANY RESIDENT
3 WHO HAS BEEN RETIRED UNDER THE FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM FOR
4 DISABILITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

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



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

30 (d) Any resident, as defined in Section 49-7-3, upon
31 application, shall receive a sportsman's license for the sum of
32 Thirty-two Dollars (\$32.00). Such license shall qualify the
33 licensee to hunt under this chapter all game and fowl, including
34 deer and turkey, and to fish as provided by law, in any county in
35 the state, and to hunt using primitive weapons and bow and arrow
36 in the manner provided by law. The commission may notify the
37 licensee of the expiration of his license, and the licensee may
38 renew the license by mailing the sum of Thirty-two Dollars
39 (\$32.00) to the commission. A licensee who has not renewed the
40 license within thirty (30) days after the expiration date shall be
41 removed from the commission's records, and the licensee must apply
42 to be placed on the renewal list.

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



61 respective physical impairment while engaged in the activities of
62 hunting or fishing.

63 (b) All exempt hunting and fishing licenses previously
64 issued for disabilities shall be null and void effective July 1,
65 1993.

66 (c) The commission may offer a youth all-game hunting
67 and fishing license for exempt youths who have a hunter education
68 certificate and an all-game hunting and fishing license for other
69 persons exempted under paragraph (a). Youths and other exempt
70 persons shall not be required to purchase this license or have it
71 in possession while hunting or fishing. The commission may
72 establish a fee not to exceed Five Dollars (\$5.00) for such
73 licenses.

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

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

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

83 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
84 and after July 1, 2003.

