

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2522

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 INCREASE THE MINIMUM LICENSE FEE FOR NONRESIDENT FRESHWATER
3 FISHING LICENSES AND TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN SPECIAL LICENSES FOR
4 HUNTS FOR NONRESIDENT YOUTHS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-8, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 49-7-8. (1) No nonresident sixteen (16) years of age or
9 older may hunt, fish, kill, take or trap any game animal, bird or
10 fish without having acquired and having in his immediate
11 possession a valid license issued by the Mississippi Commission on
12 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

13 (2) The commission shall have the following duties and
14 powers:

15 (a) To prescribe the forms and types of nonresident
16 licenses that a nonresident must obtain;

17 (b) To determine the total number of each type of
18 nonresident license to be issued annually;

19 (c) To establish fees for nonresident licenses and the
20 collection fees for the agent issuing such licenses; provided,
21 however, that the fee for a nonresident all game hunting license
22 shall not be less than Sixty Dollars (\$60.00). The fee for a
23 nonresident freshwater fishing license shall not be less than the
24 fee that the nonresident's domicile state charges a Mississippi
25 resident for a nonresident freshwater fishing license.

26 (d) To exercise all incidental powers necessary to
27 develop a nonresident licensing program.



28 (3) The commission shall not allow special nonresident youth
29 hunts or licenses. Any special nonresident youth hunts or license
30 are prohibited.

31 (4) A nonresident who violates this section or any licensing
32 regulation of the commission is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall
33 be punished as provided in Section 49-7-21(3).

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

