

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

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 or nonresident freshwater fishing license shall not be less than  
23 Sixty Dollars (\$60.00);

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

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



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

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

