

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2529

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 ALLOW BUCKS WITH LESS THAN FOUR POINTS TO BE TAKEN IF NECESSARY TO  
3 MANAGE DEER ON LANDS MANAGED UNDER WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST; TO REQUIRE  
4 PERMIT TO TAKE SUCH BUCKS; TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE  
5 PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 49-7-41. (1) The commission may set the bag limits for game  
10 animals, birds and fish, unless the bag limits are established by  
11 the Legislature by statute. This subsection shall stand repealed  
12 on July 1, 2004.

13 (2) (a) The bag limit on antlered buck deer is one (1) buck  
14 per day, not to exceed three (3) per license year. An antlered  
15 buck deer must have antlers of four (4) points or greater to be  
16 taken except the harvest of antlered bucks with less than four (4)  
17 points may be allowed by permit issued by the Deer Program  
18 Coordinator to clubs or landowners and on Wildlife Management  
19 Areas which are under the guidance of a wildlife biologist. A  
20 written management justification must accompany any request for  
21 permits. An annual report of all activity shall be prepared and  
22 presented to the Legislature.

23 (b) The bag limit on antlerless deer is one (1) per  
24 day, not to exceed three (3) per license year; except that two (2)  
25 additional antlerless deer per license year may be taken with a  
26 bow and arrow. Antlerless deer may be taken only in the areas  
27 prescribed by order of the commission. It is illegal to take a  
28 spotted fawn in any season.



29           (c) It is unlawful for a nonresident to kill an  
30 antlerless deer except: (i) a nonresident may take antlerless  
31 deer on lands that the title is vested in the nonresident or on  
32 lands that the nonresident has leased the hunting and fishing  
33 rights; or (ii) a nonresident who has a native son or daughter  
34 nonresident lifetime sportsman license or a resident lifetime  
35 sportsman license may take antlerless deer on private lands,  
36 wildlife management areas or national wildlife refuges.

37           (3) The bag limit on antlerless deer set by this section  
38 shall not apply to private lands under the deer management  
39 assistance program or the fee-based antlerless program as approved  
40 by the department.

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

