

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2557

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REMOVE THE ALTERNATIVE FOR SURETY BOND REQUIREMENT FOR WILDLIFE
3 LICENSE AGENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 49-7-17. (1) The department may provide for the appointment
8 of persons as license agents to sell license certificates for
9 hunting, trapping or fishing as authorized under Section 49-7-21.

10 The department may, by administrative rule, establish
11 qualifications, standards and regulations for such license agents.

12 (2) Each license agent shall be required to be covered under
13 a surety bond. The department may establish, by administrative
14 rule, the procedures for the bonding of its license agents, which
15 procedures may include the implementation of a blanket bonding
16 system. All premiums for surety bonds required under this section
17 shall be at the expense of the license agents. * * *

18 (3) Any officer or person authorized to issue any hunting or
19 fishing license or permit or any combination game and fish license
20 under the laws of this state shall have the power and authority to
21 collect and retain for the issuance of such license the sum of One
22 Dollar (\$1.00), in addition to the license fee provided by law,
23 when such license or permit is sold to a resident of this state.
24 The Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks is authorized, in
25 its discretion, to contract with license agents for services
26 rendered for an additional amount, not to exceed One Dollar
27 (\$1.00), in addition to the license fee provided by law.



28 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
29 and after its passage.

