

By: Senator(s) Williamson, Dawkins, Jackson

To: Agriculture

SENATE BILL NO. 2768
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT STATE REGULATIONS GOVERNING FREE-RANGE
2 POULTRY SHALL BE NO MORE STRINGENT THAN FEDERAL REGULATIONS ON
3 FREE-RANGE CHICKENS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Any regulations or best management practices
6 adopted by the Commissioner of Agriculture regulating free-range
7 poultry only shall be no more stringent or extensive in scope,
8 coverage, or effect than federal regulations and best management
9 practices. For purposes of this section, "free-range poultry"
10 means poultry having free access to the outdoors through their
11 normal growing cycle.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
13 and after July 1, 2003.

