

By: Senator(s) Dawkins

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2860

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR HUNTING DEER WITH THE AID OF BAIT; AND  
3 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 49-7-33. (1) (a) It is unlawful to hunt, trap or kill any  
8 wild bird or wild animal of any kind with the aid of bait,  
9 recordings of bird or animal calls, or electrically amplified  
10 imitations of calls of any kind, except a person may use  
11 electrically amplified sound devices for hunting coyote and crow.  
12 The commission, in its discretion, may relax the restrictions  
13 regarding the use of lures or sound devices if a condition arises  
14 or exists, as decided by the State Board of Health or county board  
15 of health, that may endanger persons or livestock in a certain  
16 community, county or area.

17 (b) A person may use liquid scents for any animal or  
18 bird.

19 (2) (a) Any person convicted of hunting deer with the aid  
20 of bait shall be subject to a fine not to exceed One Thousand  
21 Dollars (\$1,000.00) and to forfeiture of all hunting, fishing and  
22 trapping privileges for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months  
23 from the date of conviction.

24 (b) Any person convicted of a second or subsequent  
25 offense of hunting deer with the aid of bait is guilty of a Class  
26 I violation and shall be punished as provided in Section 49-7-141.



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

