

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

## SENATE BILL NO. 2806

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-153, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIVE SON OR DAUGHTER NONRESIDENT  
3 LIFETIME SPORTSMAN HUNTING LICENSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-153, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 49-7-153. (1) Any resident may purchase a lifetime  
8 sportsman hunting and fishing license by filing an application in  
9 the office of the department. The license shall qualify the  
10 licensee to take all fish, game and fowl, except waterfowl,  
11 including deer and turkey, in the manner provided by law. The  
12 license shall also permit the licensee to hunt with primitive  
13 weapons and bow and arrow, and to fish in the public waters of the  
14 state, including the taking of crabs, oysters, shrimp and any  
15 saltwater fish authorized to be taken under a recreational  
16 license.

17 (2) The department may issue a resident lifetime sportsman  
18 license at a fee to be determined by the commission at an amount  
19 not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for a person  
20 thirteen (13) years of age or older and not less than Five Hundred  
21 Dollars (\$500.00) for a person under thirteen (13) years of age.  
22 All lifetime licenses shall be issued from the office of the  
23 department. Each application for a lifetime license must be  
24 accompanied by a certified copy of the birth certificate of the  
25 individual to be named as the license holder, if the individual is  
26 twelve (12) years of age or under.

27           (3) The commission shall establish proof of residency  
28 requirements for the purchase of a lifetime license, and shall  
29 also establish such restrictions on and regulations for lifetime  
30 licenses as it deems necessary and proper. An applicant for a  
31 resident lifetime license must have been domiciled in this state  
32 for eighteen (18) consecutive months immediately preceding the  
33 date of his application for a license. The burden of proving  
34 domicile shall be on the applicant.

35           (4) (a) The department may issue a native son or daughter  
36 nonresident lifetime sportsman hunting and fishing license. The  
37 commission shall establish the fee, but the fee shall not be less  
38 than One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). The applicant  
39 must provide a certified copy of the original birth certificate  
40 showing that the applicant was born in Mississippi and/or if the  
41 parents' address was in Mississippi at the time of birth as shown  
42 on the birth certificate or other documents and/or official  
43 documents reflect that one of said parents was on active military  
44 service outside the State of Mississippi at the time of said  
45 birth. Further, if the birth certificate of one parent reflects  
46 that the parent was born in the State of Mississippi, and if  
47 either parent is a resident of the State of Mississippi, then any  
48 child born outside the State of Mississippi of those parents may  
49 be issued a nonresident lifetime sportsman license for the above  
50 set out fee.

51           (5) Any materially false statement contained in an  
52 application for a lifetime license renders void the license issued  
53 pursuant to that application, and subjects the applicant to  
54 criminal prosecution under Section 49-7-45.

55           (6) Nothing in this section exempts an applicant for a  
56 lifetime license from meeting other qualifications or requirements  
57 otherwise established by law for the privilege of hunting or  
58 fishing.

59           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
60 and after July 1, 2004.