

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

SENATE BILL NO. 2886

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 CORRECT REFERENCE TO SNAPPING TURTLES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
5 amended as follows:

6 49-7-47. (1) The commission may control, regulate and
7 manage the taking of all alligators and common snapping turtles.

8 (2) Residents and nonresidents shall be required to purchase
9 a combination hunting and fishing license to hunt, kill or catch
10 any alligator or common snapping turtle for sporting purposes.

11 (3) Residents and nonresidents shall be required to obtain a
12 special permit to hunt, kill, catch or possess any alligator or
13 common snapping turtle for commercial purposes. The commission
14 may establish a reasonable fee for an annual special sporting
15 permit, not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), and may
16 prescribe regulations governing commercial trade in alligators and
17 common snapping turtles. Any reasonable fee established for an
18 annual special commercial permit shall not exceed Five Hundred
19 Dollars (\$500.00). Such permit shall be good from the date of its
20 issuance to June 30 following its date.

21 (4) Any person violating this section is guilty, upon
22 conviction, of a Class I offense and is punishable as provided in
23 Section 49-7-141.

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