

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.