

By: Representative Taylor

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 255

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT A NATIVE-BORN MISSISSIPPIAN WHO IS A NONRESIDENT AND
3 WHO PAYS ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS OR MORE IN AD VALOREM TAXES ON
4 REAL PROPERTY IN THE STATE MAY PURCHASE A RESIDENT HUNTING OR
5 FISHING LICENSE; TO PROVIDE THAT PROPERTY TAX RECEIPTS AND A
6 CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE SERVE AS PROOF OF OWNERSHIP OF REAL
7 PROPERTY AND BIRTH IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AND SHALL BE SHOWN
8 TO THE LICENSING AGENT WHEN PURCHASING A LICENSE; AND FOR RELATED
9 PURPOSES.

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

11 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-8, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
12 amended as follows:

13 49-7-8. (1) No nonresident sixteen (16) years of age or
14 older may hunt, fish, kill, take or trap any game animal, bird or
15 fish without having acquired and having in his immediate
16 possession a valid license issued by the Mississippi Commission on
17 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. A native-born Mississippian who is
18 a nonresident and who pays One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) or
19 more in ad valorem taxes on land or real property he or she owns
20 in the state may purchase a resident hunting or fishing license,
21 or both, and may lawfully hunt or fish, or both, with the
22 resident's license in the state. The nonresident's property tax
23 receipts from a previous year serve as proof of ownership of land
24 or real property in the state and shall be shown to the licensing
25 agent by the nonresident when he or she purchases a resident
26 hunting or fishing license, or both, as provided in this section.
27 A certified birth certificate serves as proof that the nonresident
28 was born in the State of Mississippi and shall be shown to the
29 licensing agent by the nonresident when he or she purchases a

30 resident hunting or fishing license, or both, as provided in this
31 section.

32 (2) The commission shall have the following duties and
33 powers:

34 (a) To prescribe the forms and types of nonresident
35 licenses that a nonresident must obtain;

36 (b) To determine the total number of each type of
37 nonresident license to be issued annually;

38 (c) To establish fees for nonresident licenses and the
39 collection fees for the agent issuing such licenses; provided,
40 however, that the fee for a nonresident all game hunting license
41 shall not be less than Sixty Dollars (\$60.00);

42 (d) To exercise all incidental powers necessary to
43 develop a nonresident licensing program.

44 (3) A nonresident who violates this section or any licensing
45 regulation of the commission is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall
46 be punished as provided in Section 49-7-21(3).

47 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
48 and after July 1, 2005.