

By: Representative Robinson (84th)

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 1418  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-38, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 ALLOW THE USE OF A CROSSBOW TO HUNT DURING CERTAIN OPEN SEASONS ON  
3 DEER; TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS  
4 TO ISSUE PERMITS AND REGULATE USE OF CROSSBOWS; TO EXTEND THE  
5 REPEALER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 49-7-38. (1) (a) The commission may issue a special  
10 license to hunt deer, turkey and small game with a crossbow to any  
11 person sixty-five (65) years of age or older or to any person  
12 having a disability which totally and permanently prevents the  
13 person from using a longbow or other conventional archery  
14 equipment as first certified by one (1) physician duly licensed to  
15 practice medicine in the state. The commission shall designate  
16 the fee for the license. The commission shall set the crossbow  
17 season for small game. A special licensee under this section may  
18 take deer or turkey with a crossbow during the respective seasons  
19 on deer and turkey.

20 (b) The commission may issue a crossbow permit to hunt  
21 with a crossbow during the open seasons on deer with guns and  
22 primitive weapons. A person required to have a hunting license  
23 must have a license to take deer and turkey in order to obtain a  
24 crossbow permit. The commission shall establish a fee for the  
25 permit.

26 (2) This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1,  
27 2008.

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