

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and  
Parks

SENATE BILL NO. 2858

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-38, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 ALLOW THE USE OF A CROSSBOW TO HUNT DEER, TURKEY AND SMALL GAME;  
3 TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TO  
4 ISSUE PERMITS AND REGULATE USE OF CROSSBOWS; AND FOR RELATED  
5 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) The commission may issue a crossbow permit to  
10 hunt deer, turkey and small game with a crossbow during the open  
11 season on deer and turkey. Any person, including a person exempt  
12 from having a hunting license, must obtain a permit to hunt with a  
13 crossbow. A person required to have a hunting license must have a  
14 license to take deer and turkey to obtain a crossbow permit. The  
15 commission shall establish a fee for the crossbow permit. The  
16 commission shall set the crossbow season for small game. \* \* \*

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