

By: Representative Robinson (84th)

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 697

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE RESTRICTIONS ON THE HUNTING OR CATCHING OF ALLIGATOR
3 SNAPPING TURTLES AND TO DELETE RESTRICTIONS ON THE HUNTING OR
4 CATCHING OF COMMON SNAPPING TURTLES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 49-7-47. (1) The commission may control, regulate and
9 manage the taking of all alligator * * * snapping turtles.

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

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

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

26 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
27 and after July 1, 2006.