

**Adopted  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill No. 698**

**BY: Committee**

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting  
in lieu thereof the following:**

10           **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-20.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
11 amended as follows:

12           49-7-20.1. (1) (a) To reduce hunting accidents of children  
13 under license age, to protect the safety of these children and to  
14 promote hunter safety, a child at least twelve (12) years of age  
15 and under sixteen (16) years of age must have a certificate of  
16 satisfactory completion of a hunter education course approved by  
17 the department before hunting in this state.

18                   (b) A child at least twelve (12) years of age and under  
19 sixteen (16) years of age may hunt without having the certificate  
20 of hunter education required under this subsection if the child is  
21 in the presence and under the direct supervision of a licensed or  
22 exempt resident hunter at least twenty-one (21) years of age when  
23 hunting.

24           (2) A child under the age of twelve (12) must be in the  
25 presence and under the direct supervision of a licensed or exempt  
26 resident hunter at least twenty-one (21) years of age when the  
27 child is hunting.

28           (3) There is no penalty for a violation of this section, but  
29 to protect the safety of the child a conservation officer may  
30 require the child to end the hunt and may unload the firearm and  
31 may take the firearm and the child to an adult.

32           **SECTION 2.** Section 49-7-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
33 amended as follows:

34           49-7-5. (1) (a) Any resident, as defined in Section  
35 49-7-3, upon application, shall receive a combination resident  
36 hunting and fishing license for the sum of Seventeen Dollars  
37 (\$17.00). Such license shall qualify the licensee to hunt under  
38 this chapter all game and fowl, including deer and turkey, and to  
39 fish in any county of the state.

40           (b) Any resident, as defined in Section 49-7-3, upon  
41 application, shall receive a resident combination small game  
42 hunting and fishing license for the sum of Thirteen Dollars  
43 (\$13.00) together with the fee provided in Section 49-7-17 to the  
44 office or agent issuing such license. Such hunting license shall  
45 qualify the licensee to hunt and fish under this chapter all game  
46 and fowl, except deer and turkey, in any county in the state.

47           (c) Any resident of the State of Mississippi, as  
48 defined in Section 49-7-3, upon application, shall receive a  
49 resident small game license, and for it shall pay the issuing  
50 officer or agent the sum of Thirteen Dollars (\$13.00), together  
51 with the fee provided in Section 49-7-17 to the officer or agent  
52 issuing such license. Such hunting license shall qualify the  
53 person holding the same to hunt under the provisions of this  
54 chapter, and in season, all game and fowl, except deer and turkey,  
55 in any county in the state.

56           (d) Any resident, as defined in Section 49-7-3, upon  
57 application, shall receive a sportsman's license for the sum of  
58 Thirty-two Dollars (\$32.00). Such license shall qualify the  
59 licensee to hunt under this chapter all game and fowl, including

60 deer and turkey, and to fish as provided by law, in any county in  
61 the state, and to hunt using primitive weapons and bow and arrow  
62 in the manner provided by law. The commission may notify the  
63 licensee of the expiration of his license, and the licensee may  
64 renew the license by mailing the sum of Thirty-two Dollars  
65 (\$32.00) to the commission. A licensee who has not renewed the  
66 license within thirty (30) days after the expiration date shall be  
67 removed from the commission's records, and the licensee must apply  
68 to be placed on the renewal list.

69 (e) In addition to a hunting license allowing the  
70 taking of turkey, a resident who hunts turkey during a fall turkey  
71 season must purchase a fall turkey hunting permit for a fee of  
72 Five Dollars (\$5.00) plus the fee provided in Section 49-7-17. A  
73 resident sportsman's licensee or resident lifetime sportsman  
74 licensee may hunt during the fall turkey season without purchasing  
75 a permit.

76 (f) The commission may offer a resident apprentice  
77 hunting license for a resident who does not have the required  
78 certificate of hunter education and may set the fee for the  
79 apprentice hunting license. An apprentice license may be  
80 purchased only one (1) time by a resident and the apprentice  
81 hunting licensee must be accompanied by a licensed or exempt  
82 resident hunter at least twenty-one (21) years of age when  
83 hunting.

84 (2) (a) Any resident citizen of the State of Mississippi  
85 who has not reached the age of sixteen (16) years or who has  
86 reached the age of sixty-five (65) years, or any resident citizen  
87 who is blind, paraplegic, or a multiple amputee, or who has been  
88 adjudged by the Veterans Administration as having a total  
89 service-connected disability, or has been adjudged to be totally  
90 disabled by the Social Security Administration shall not be  
91 required to purchase or have in his possession, a hunting or

92 fishing license while engaged in such activities. A person exempt  
93 by reason of total service-connected disability, as adjudged by  
94 the Veterans Administration or who has been adjudged to be totally  
95 disabled by the Social Security Administration or who is blind,  
96 paraplegic or a multiple amputee, shall have in their possession  
97 and on their person proof of their age, residency, disability  
98 status or other respective physical impairment while engaged in  
99 the activities of hunting or fishing.

100 (b) All exempt hunting and fishing licenses previously  
101 issued for disabilities shall be null and void effective July 1,  
102 1993.

103 (c) The commission may offer a youth all-game hunting  
104 and fishing license for exempt youths who have a hunter education  
105 certificate and an all-game hunting and fishing license for other  
106 persons exempted under paragraph (a). Youths and other exempt  
107 persons shall not be required to purchase this license or have it  
108 in possession while hunting or fishing. The commission may  
109 establish a fee not to exceed Five Dollars (\$5.00) for such  
110 licenses.

111 (3) No license shall be required of residents to hunt, fish  
112 or trap on lands in which the record title is vested in such  
113 person.

114 (4) Any person or persons exempt under this section from  
115 procuring a license shall be subject to and must comply with all  
116 other terms and provisions of this chapter.

117 (5) Any person authorized to issue any license under this  
118 section may collect and retain for the issuance of each license  
119 the additional fee authorized under Section 49-7-17.

120 **SECTION 3.** Section 49-7-20, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
121 amended as follows:

122 49-7-20. (1) It is unlawful for any person born on or after  
123 January 1, 1972, to procure any Mississippi hunting license,

124 except a resident apprentice hunting license, unless the person  
125 has been issued certification of satisfactory completion of a  
126 hunter education course approved by the department.

127 (2) It is unlawful for any person to issue any Mississippi  
128 hunting license, except a resident apprentice hunting license, to  
129 any person born on or after January 1, 1972, unless the purchaser  
130 has provided valid certification of satisfactory completion of a  
131 hunter education course approved by the department.

132 (3) It is unlawful for any person to fraudulently obtain a  
133 hunter education certification.

134 (4) The department may revoke any hunting license or hunter  
135 education certification upon determination that the holder was not  
136 entitled to issuance or obtained the license or certification by  
137 any fraudulent means.

138 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
139 and after July 1, 2006.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-20.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION TO HUNTER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR  
3 CHILDREN BETWEEN AGES OF 12 AND 16; TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-5,  
4 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE,  
5 FISHERIES AND PARKS TO ISSUE A RESIDENT APPRENTICE HUNTING LICENSE  
6 FOR RESIDENTS WITHOUT HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATE; TO AMEND  
7 SECTION 49-7-20, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; AND FOR  
8 RELATED PURPOSES.