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To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 467

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT HUNTING, TRAPPING AND FISHING LICENSES SHALL EXPIRE
3 ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THEIR ISSUANCE; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 49-7-21. (1) (a) The licenses for hunting, trapping or
9 fishing shall be issued on a form prepared by the executive
10 director and supplied to the bonded agents authorized to issue
11 licenses. The forms shall bear the name and social security
12 number or driver's license number of the applicant. All annual
13 licenses shall be valid for a period of twelve (12) months from
14 the date of * * * issuance * * *. The licenses shall be issued in
15 the name of the commission and be countersigned by the bonded
16 agent issuing same. * * *

17 (b) A person may purchase a license from the office of
18 the department without appearing in person.

19 (c) The commission may design, establish, and
20 administer a program to provide for the purchase, by electronic
21 means, of any license, permit, registration or reservation issued
22 by the commission or department.

23 (2) Any person authorized to issue licenses for hunting,
24 trapping or fishing in this state who attempts to issue a license
25 on a form other than one as prescribed by this section, or
26 attempts to prepare a license certificate in any manner other than
27 on the form prescribed by this section, and furnished by the
28 executive director, is guilty of a Class II violation, and shall

29 be punished as provided in Section 49-7-143, Mississippi Code of
30 1972, and the person convicted shall be forever barred from
31 issuing licenses in the State of Mississippi.

32 (3) Any resident or nonresident who hunts, takes or traps
33 any wild animal, bird or fish must possess a valid license issued
34 by the commission, unless specifically exempted under this
35 chapter.

36 (4) Any nonresident, who hunts or traps without the required
37 license is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof
38 shall be fined in an amount not less than Five Hundred Dollars
39 (\$500.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the
40 first offense and shall forfeit hunting and trapping privileges
41 for a period of one (1) year. The nonresident shall also be
42 assessed by the court an administrative fee as prescribed under
43 subsection (6) of this section. For the second or any subsequent
44 offense a nonresident shall be fined in an amount of not less than
45 One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) nor more than One Thousand Five
46 Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) or imprisoned in the county jail for
47 not more than thirty (30) days, or both such fine and imprisonment
48 and shall forfeit hunting and trapping privileges for a period of
49 two (2) years. The nonresident shall also be assessed by the
50 court an administrative fee as prescribed under subsection (6) of
51 this section.

52 (5) Any nonresident who fishes without the required license
53 is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in
54 an amount not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more
55 than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for the first offense.
56 For the second or any subsequent offense a nonresident shall be
57 fined in an amount not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars
58 (\$250.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and that
59 nonresident shall also be assessed by the court an administrative
60 fee as prescribed under subsection (6) of this section.

61 (6) In addition to any other fines or penalties imposed
62 under subsection (4) or (5) of this section, any person convicted
63 for a violation of subsection (3) of this section shall be
64 assessed by the court an administrative fee equal in amount to the
65 cost of the hunting, trapping or fishing license fee that such
66 person unlawfully failed to possess at the time of the violation,
67 the amount of which license fee shall be entered upon the ticket
68 or citation by the charging officer at the time the ticket or
69 citation is issued. The clerk of the court in which conviction
70 for a violation of subsection (3) of this section takes place,
71 promptly shall collect all administrative fees imposed under this
72 subsection and deposit them monthly with the State Treasurer, in
73 the same manner and in accordance with the same procedure, as
74 nearly as practicable, as required for the collection, receipt and
75 deposit of state assessments under Section 99-19-73. However, all
76 administrative fees collected under the provisions of this
77 subsection shall be credited by the State Treasurer to the account
78 of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, and may be
79 expended by the department upon appropriation by the Legislature.

80 (7) Any person who obtains a license under an assumed name
81 or makes a materially false statement to obtain a license is
82 guilty of a felony and shall be subject to a fine of Two Thousand
83 Dollars (\$2,000.00) or may be imprisoned for a term not to exceed
84 one (1) year, or both.

85 **SECTION 2.** The commission is hereby authorized to develop
86 and implement multiyear hunting, trapping and/or fishing licenses.
87 The commission shall have the authority to issue a license that
88 will be valid for a period of time in excess of one (1)
89 twelve-month period.

90 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
91 and after July 1, 2007.