

By: Representative Parker

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 605

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW SECTION OF LAW TO BE CODIFIED AS
2 SECTION 49-7-33.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT THE
3 PLACING OF GRAIN UNDER OR IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO LIGHTING DEVICES
4 FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION
5 THEREOF; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
8 49-7-33.1, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9 49-7-33.1. (1) It is unlawful to place grain under or in
10 close proximity to any lighting device or light amplifying device
11 for the purpose of hunting, trapping, taking or killing of any
12 wild bird or wild animal of any kind.

13 (2) For purposes of this section, it is not required that an
14 individual be engaged in the act of hunting to be in violation,
15 the act of placing grain under or in close proximity to such
16 lighting device during any open season of any wild bird or wild
17 animal of any kind shall establish a prima facie case of
18 violation.

19 (3) Any person who is found to be in violation of this
20 section, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a Class II violation
21 and shall be punished as provided in Section 49-7-143.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
23 and after July 1, 2007.