

By: Senator(s) Butler

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

SENATE BILL NO. 2484

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-65, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 LEGALIZE THE SHOOTING OF BEARS BY A LANDOWNER WHEN ENCOUNTERED ON
3 THE LANDOWNER'S PROPERTY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-7-65, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 49-7-65. Except as provided in this chapter, it is unlawful
8 for any person to hunt, trap, take, kill, wound or capture, or
9 attempt to hunt, trap, take, kill, wound or capture any
10 fur-bearing animals except during the open season prescribed by
11 law or regulation. However, mink may be hunted with dogs during
12 the season for taking of fur-bearing animals on payment of
13 trapper's license fee by person so hunting mink with dogs. In
14 addition, any bear encountered on a landowner's property may be
15 shot immediately by the landowner.

16 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
17 and after July 1, 2021.

