

By: Representative Bounds

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 300

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND
 2 PARKS TO BE REIMBURSED FOR ANY LOST REVENUE RESULTING FROM THE
 3 ISSUANCE OF DISCOUNTS RELATING TO HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES,
 4 ADMISSION TO STATE PARKS, AND OTHER FEES; TO REQUIRE THE
 5 DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN AN ACCOUNTING OF SUCH LOST REVENUE AND
 6 SUBMIT THE ACCOUNTING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
 7 ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF MONIES FROM THE STATE GENERAL
 8 FUND IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO SUCH LOST REVENUE, ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30
 9 OF EACH FISCAL YEAR; TO PROVIDE THAT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE
 10 RECEIPT OF SUCH ACCOUNTING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE,
 11 FISHERIES AND PARKS, THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
 12 SHALL TRANSFER THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF SUCH LOST REVENUE FOR THE
 13 FISCAL YEAR INTO THE FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE FUND; AND FOR RELATED
 14 PURPOSES.

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

16 **SECTION 1.** (1) From and after July 1, 2024, the Department
 17 of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall be reimbursed for any lost
 18 revenue resulting from the issuance of discounts related to the
 19 sale of hunting and fishing licenses, admission into state parks,
 20 golf courses, campgrounds and recreational trails, fishing
 21 permits, boat rentals, cabin rentals, cottage and camping
 22 reservations, and any other discounts provided by the department,
 23 in an amount equal to the discounts issued.



24 (2) The department shall maintain an accounting of such lost
25 revenue as described in subsection (1) of this section, and shall
26 submit the accounting to the Department of Finance and
27 Administration for the payment of monies from the State General
28 Fund in an amount equal to such lost revenue, on or before June 30
29 of each fiscal year.

30 (3) Within thirty (30) days of the receipt of such
31 accounting from the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks,
32 the Department of Finance and Administration shall transfer the
33 total amount of such lost revenue for the fiscal year into the
34 Fisheries and Wildlife Fund as provided for in Section 49-5-21.

35 (4) The accounting maintained under subsection (2) of this
36 section, and any other records relating to the accounting, shall
37 be subject to audit by the State Auditor.

38 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
39 and after July 1, 2024.

