

By: Representative Bounds

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks; Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1103

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 STATUTORY DISCOUNTS RELATING TO HUNTING AND FISHING
4 LICENSES, 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) The Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and
17 Parks shall be reimbursed from the General Fund for any lost
18 revenue resulting from the issuance of statutory discounts related
19 to the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, admission into state
20 parks, golf courses, campgrounds and recreational trails, fishing
21 permits, boat rentals, cabin rentals and cottage and camping
22 reservations in an amount equal to the statutory discounts issued.
23 This section shall apply only to those statutory discounts issued
24 on or after July 1, 2025.



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

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

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

39 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
40 and after July 1, 2025.

