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SENATE BILL NO. 2869

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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-148, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS SHALL PROVIDE HANDICAPPED HUNTERS REASONABLE ACCESS TO HUNTING IN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS; TO INCLUDE THE USE OF MOBILITY RELATED DEVICES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 49-7-148, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-7-148. (1) (a) The department shall provide hunters with disabilities access to hunting areas in public wildlife management areas under its jurisdiction.

(b) The department shall allow the use of a mobility related device for an individual who is permanently physically disabled and meets one or more of the following criteria:

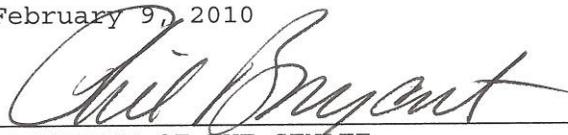
(i) Is paraplegic or hemiplegic;

(ii) Is unable to ambulate and requires a wheelchair, walker, leg braces, prosthesis, canes or crutches for mobility.

(2) The commission shall promulgate rules and regulations for reasonable access and include a definition of "hunters with disabilities" as used in this section.

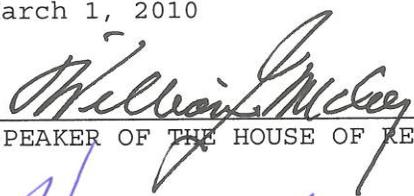
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2010.

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February 9, 2010



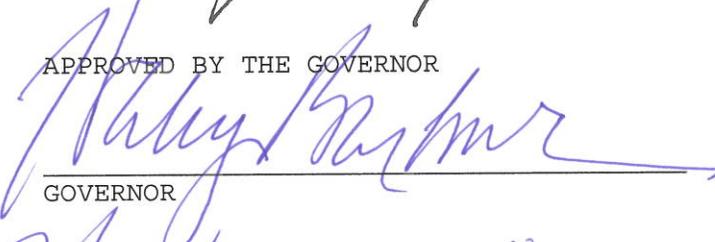
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PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
March 1, 2010



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR



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