

HOUSE BILL NO. 71

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS WITH THE PLENARY AUTHORITY TO SET BAG LIMITS ON WHITE-TAILED DEER AND ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE THE EXERCISE OF THAT AUTHORITY IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING APPLICABLE LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS; TO REMOVE THE PROVISIONS WHICH SET THE BAG LIMITS ON WHITE-TAILED DEER ESTABLISHED BY THE LEGISLATURE; TO EXEMPT PRIVATE LANDS UNDER THE DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR THE FEE-BASED ANTLERLESS PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT FROM THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION TO SET BAG LIMITS THEREON; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 49-7-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-7-41. (1) The commission may set the bag limits for game animals, birds and fish, unless the bag limits are established by the Legislature by statute.

(2) * * * The commission shall have plenary authority to set the bag limits for white-tailed deer, and promulgate any regulations necessary to facilitate the exercise of that authority, consistent with best management practices, scientific

data and subject to all existing applicable laws, rules and regulations of this state or the United States of America.

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(* * *3) The bag limit on antlerless deer set by the commission as authorized in this section shall not apply to private lands under the deer management assistance program or the fee-based antlerless program as approved by the department.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2014.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
January 23, 2014



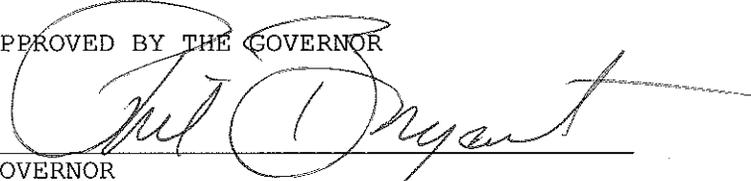
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PASSED BY THE SENATE
January 31, 2014



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR



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