MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION 2017

By: Representative Hood

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 1069

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-38, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW PERSONS EXEMPT FROM HAVING A HUNTING LICENSE BY REASON OF DISABILITY TO USE AN AIRBOW DURING ANY OPEN SEASON ON DEER, TURKEY OR SMALL GAME; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 49-7-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-7-38. (1) (a) Any person who is exempt from having a hunting license and any person licensed to hunt deer with a bow or primitive weapon may hunt with a crossbow or bow and arrow during any open season on deer, turkey or small game.

(b) A person exempt from having a hunting license by reason of total service-connected disability, as adjudged by the Veterans Administration or who has been adjudged to be totally disabled by the Social Security Administration or who is blind, paraplegic or a multiple amputee may hunt with an airbow during any open season on deer, turkey or small game. For the purposes of this section "airbow" means a device that uses compressed air to propel arrows.

(2) When hunting during any gun season on deer, the hunter must comply with Section 49-7-31.1.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2017.

ST: Air bow; authorize use during certain open seasons for people who are exempt from the hunting license requirement by reason of