

By: Representatives Banks, Fredericks

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 1131

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MISSISSIPPI NON-NATIVE REPTILE
2 PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE THE PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE
3 MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS; TO
4 PROVIDE MINIMUM GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM; AND
5 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is established the Mississippi
8 Non-native Reptile Program to be administered by the Mississippi
9 Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. The purpose of the
10 program is to prohibit the release of non-native reptiles that may
11 breed and endanger Mississippi native animal species and citizens.

12 (2) The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and
13 Parks shall create rules and regulations to implement such
14 programs that, at least:

15 (a) Prohibits the release of snakes not found in and
16 are not indigenous to Mississippi from being released in the
17 state's wildlife;

18 (b) Regulates venomous, poisonous and constrictor
19 snakes of any kind; and

20 (c) Requires a person to report or turn in any snakes
21 to the department.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
23 and after July 1, 2011.

