

1 SB124  
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3 By Senators Whatley, Brewbaker, Reed, Glover and Keahey  
4 RFD: Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Existing law allows the Department of  
9 Conservation and Natural Resources to set the time  
10 frame for hunting whitetail deer.

11 Existing law also prohibits whitetail deer  
12 from being hunted over bait.

13 This bill would extend the hunting season  
14 for whitetail deer to two weeks prior to the  
15 opening of regular gun season through the first two  
16 weeks after the close of regular gun season and  
17 would allow whitetail deer to be hunted over bait.

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19 A BILL

20 TO BE ENTITLED

21 AN ACT

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23 Relating to hunting; to extend the hunting season  
24 for whitetail deer to two weeks prior to the opening of  
25 regular gun season through the first two weeks after the close  
26 of regular gun season; and to amend Section 9-11-244 of the

1 Code of Alabama 1975, to allow whitetail deer to be hunted  
2 over bait.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. (a) The Department of Conservation and  
5 Natural Resources shall extend the gun hunting season for  
6 whitetail deer to two weeks prior to the opening of regular  
7 gun season through the first two weeks after the close of  
8 regular gun season, not to include hunting with dogs.

9 (b) The department shall promulgate rules necessary  
10 to implement this act.

11 Section 2. Section 9-11-244 of the Code of Alabama  
12 1975, is amended to read as follows:

13 "§9-11-244.

14 "No person at any time shall take, catch, kill or  
15 attempt to take, catch or kill any bird or animal, not  
16 including whitetail deer, protected by law or regulation of  
17 the State of Alabama by means, aid or use, directly or  
18 indirectly, of any bait such as shelled, shucked or unshucked  
19 corn or of wheat or other grain, salt or any other feed  
20 whatsoever that has been so deposited, placed, distributed or  
21 scattered as to constitute for such birds or animals, not  
22 including whitetail deer, a lure, attraction or enticement to,  
23 on or over the area where such hunter or hunters are  
24 attempting to kill or take them; provided, that such birds or  
25 animals may be taken under properly shocked corn and standing  
26 crops of corn, wheat or other grain or feed and grains  
27 scattered solely as a result of normal agricultural harvesting

1 and provided further, migratory birds may be hunted under the  
2 most recent provisions established by the U.S. Fish and  
3 Wildlife Service or regulations promulgated by the  
4 Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural  
5 Resources within the limits of the federal regulations."

6 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the  
7 first day of the third month following its passage and  
8 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.