

By: Ellington

To: Conservation and  
Water Resources

HOUSE BILL NO. 1320  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CODE SECTION 49-15-304, MISSISSIPPI  
2 CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION ON MARINE RESOURCES TO  
3 PROMULGATE REGULATIONS REGARDING MARINE RESOURCES IN ACCORDANCE  
4 WITH PUBLIC POLICY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section  
7 49-15-304, Mississippi Code of 1972:

8 49-15-304. The commission may adopt, modify or repeal rules  
9 or regulations to utilize, manage, conserve, preserve and protect  
10 the flora, fauna, tidelands, coastal wetlands, coastal preserves,  
11 marine waters and any other matter pertaining to marine resources  
12 under its jurisdiction. Rules and regulations adopted by the  
13 commission shall be consistent with the public policy expressed in  
14 Section 29-15-3 (public trust tidelands), Section 39-7-3  
15 (antiquities and historic preservation), Section 49-15-1  
16 (seafood), Section 49-17-3 (pollution control), Section 49-27-3  
17 (coastal wetlands protection) and Section 57-15-6 (coastal zone  
18 management). The commission may make exceptions to and grant  
19 variances from any rules and regulations adopted by the  
20 commission. The commission shall give due consideration to  
21 permissible uses of the natural resources within its jurisdiction  
22 when promulgating rules and regulations.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
24 and after its passage.