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To: Ports and Marine
Resources

SENATE BILL NO. 2601

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-64.5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCLUDE PUSH TRAWLS AS LEGAL HARVEST GEAR FOR SHRIMP; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 49-15-64.5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 49-15-64.5. (1) (a) Each freight boat, ice boat and
8 catching boat used in catching or transporting saltwater shrimp
9 taken from the waters of the State of Mississippi for sale in
10 their fresh state, or for canning, packing, freezing or drying,
11 shall first obtain from the commission an annual privilege license
12 and pay a license fee at the following rates:

13 (i) Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for resident boats or
14 vessels under thirty (30) feet in length in overall measurements
15 and One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for nonresident boats or vessels
16 under thirty (30) feet in length in overall measurements;

17 (ii) Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) for resident
18 boats or vessels between thirty (30) and forty-five (45) feet in
19 length in overall measurements and One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)
20 for nonresident boats or vessels between thirty (30) and
21 forty-five (45) feet in length in overall measurements;

22 (iii) One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for resident
23 boats or vessels greater than forty-five (45) feet in length in
24 overall measurements and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for
25 nonresident boats or vessels greater than forty-five (45) feet in
26 length in overall measurements.

27 (b) Beginning September 15, 1994, no nonresident shall
28 be issued a commercial fishing license under this chapter for the
29 taking of saltwater shrimp using any type of net if that
30 nonresident's state of domicile prohibits the issuing of
31 commercial fishing licenses to residents of this state to engage
32 in like activity.

33 (2) Each recreational vessel engaging in shrimping with a
34 net having a corkline length of sixteen (16) feet or less shall
35 pay an annual resident license fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) or
36 an annual nonresident license fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00).

37 (3) Every freight boat, ice boat and catching boat used in
38 catching or transporting saltwater shrimp taken from the waters of
39 the State of Mississippi for sale in their fresh state, or for
40 canning, packing, freezing, drying or as bait shall register the
41 name of the captain of the vessel at the time that the vessel
42 obtains the annual privilege license provided for in this section.

43 The individual registered as the captain of the vessel may be
44 substituted after notification to and the approval of the deputy
45 director or the deputy director's designated representative. The
46 captain shall purchase a license entitled "captain license." This
47 license shall be purchased at the same time the vessel license is
48 purchased. The fee for a captain license shall be a minimum of
49 Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

50 (4) During open seasons and in open areas, saltwater shrimp
51 may be taken only with shrimp trawls, trawls, butterfly nets,
52 skimmer nets, push trawls, beach seines and cast nets.

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