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To: Ports and Marine
Resources

SENATE BILL NO. 2822

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-96, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF FISH CAUGHT IN SHRIMP TRAWLS THAT MAY BE
3 KEPT FOR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 49-15-96, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:[LTR1]

7 49-15-96. Vessels licensed under Section 49-15-64.5 may keep
8 in whole, for personal consumption only the following types of
9 fish which are caught in the shrimp nets or trawls of the vessel:
10 white trout, * * * croaker, black drum, and ground mullet
11 (sciaenidae family) sheepshead (sparidae family) gafftopsail
12 catfish (ariidae) and flounder (bothidae and pleuronctide
13 families). The cumulative total of fish shall not exceed
14 twenty-five (25) pounds. In addition, a vessel may keep three (3)
15 dozen blue crabs (portunidae family). This exemption for personal
16 consumption does not apply to fish or crabs that are otherwise
17 illegal to possess or catch.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
19 and after July 1, 2000.