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To: Ports and Marine  
Resources

SENATE BILL NO. 2822  
(As Passed the Senate)

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.