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To: Ports and Marine
Resources

SENATE BILL NO. 2822
(As Sent to Governor)

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 (Family
11 Sciaenidae); sheepshead (Family Sparidae); gafftopsail catfish
12 (Family Ariidae); and flounder (Family Bothidae and Family
13 Pleuronectidae * * *). The cumulative total of fish shall not
14 exceed twenty-five (25) pounds. In addition, a vessel may keep
15 three (3) dozen blue crabs (portunidae family). This exemption
16 for personal consumption does not apply to fish or crabs that are
17 otherwise illegal to possess or catch.

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