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AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

House Bill NO. 1082

By Senator(s) Committee

5 **Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting**
6 **in lieu thereof the following:**

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8 SECTION 1. Section 49-15-313, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 49-15-313. (1) Any resident between the ages of sixteen
11 (16) and sixty-five (65) years, as defined in Section 49-7-3,
12 fishing in the marine waters of the state, shall obtain a
13 saltwater sports fishing license for a fee of Four Dollars
14 (\$4.00). This license shall be valid in any waters south of
15 Interstate 10. Any resident citizen who is blind, paraplegic or a
16 multiple amputee, or who has been adjudged by the Veterans
17 Administration as having a total service-connected disability, or
18 has been adjudged totally disabled by the Social Security
19 Administration shall not be required to purchase or have in his
20 possession a saltwater sports fishing license while engaged in
21 such activities. Any resident exempt under this section shall
22 have on his person while fishing proof of residency and age or
23 disability.

24 (2) The commission shall prescribe the forms, types and fees
25 for nonresident saltwater sports fishing licenses except that the
26 fee for a nonresident saltwater sports fishing license shall not
27 be less than Twenty Dollars (\$20.00). The commission shall

28 require a nonresident to purchase a nonresident freshwater fishing
29 license and a nonresident saltwater sports fishing license if the
30 nonresident's state requires both licenses for a nonresident to
31 fish in its marine waters.

32 (3) All resident vessels engaged in charter boat fishing,
33 party boat fishing, head boat and guide boat fishing shall be
34 issued a separate annual license by the commission at a fee of Two
35 Hundred Dollars (\$200.00). All nonresident vessels engaged in
36 charter boat fishing, party boat fishing, headboat and guide boat
37 fishing shall be issued a separate annual license by the
38 commission. The commission shall establish the fees for
39 nonresident licenses, but the commission shall not charge a
40 nonresident a fee greater than the nonresident's domiciliary state
41 charges a Mississippi resident for a like license. Crew members
42 and customers of the licensed vessels shall not be required to
43 purchase an individual resident or nonresident saltwater fishing
44 license while sponsored by the licensed vessels. An operator of a
45 licensed vessel shall be required to report the number of
46 customers to the department as required by the commission and the
47 information shall be kept confidential and shall not be released,
48 except to other fisheries management agencies or as statistical
49 data.

50 (4) The saltwater sports fishing license is required for all
51 recreational methods of finfish harvest.

52 (5) Any resident who purchases a lifetime sportsman's
53 license, in accordance with Section 49-7-153, shall be entitled to
54 fish in the marine salt waters of the state and shall be exempt
55 from the purchase of a sport saltwater fishing license.

56 (6) Any person authorized to issue a license may collect and
57 retain, for each saltwater fishing license issued, the additional
58 fee authorized under Section 49-7-17.

59 (7) The fees collected from the sale of resident and
60 nonresident saltwater sports fishing licenses shall be deposited
61 into the Seafood Fund and shall be used solely for the management
62 of marine resources.

63 (8) Participants in the Very Special Fishing Olympics are
64 exempt from this section.

65 (9) July 4 of each year is designated as "Free Saltwater
66 Sports Fishing Day." Any person may saltwater sport fish without
67 a license on the "Free Saltwater Sports Fishing Day."

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

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-313, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE A SEPARATE LICENSE FEE FOR NONRESIDENT CHARTER BOATS;
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.