

By: Representative Ellington

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 730
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-17-58, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE PENALTY FOR LARCENY OF CRABS OR CRAB POTS; TO
3 PROVIDE A LICENSING EXEMPTION FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 97-17-58, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 97-17-58. Every person who shall steal, remove, take or
9 carry away crab pots, the property of another used to catch
10 saltwater crabs from said crab pots shall be guilty of petit
11 larceny, and on conviction shall be sentenced to serve a term in
12 the county jail not to exceed three (3) months or be fined a sum
13 not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than One
14 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) or both.

15 SECTION 2. People with six (6) crab traps or less who crab
16 for recreational purposes shall be exempt from being licensed.

17 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
18 and after its passage.