

By: Representative Ellington

To: Conservation and Water Resources

HOUSE BILL NO. 734

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-86, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REVISE FEES FOR CERTAIN CRABBING LICENSES AND TO PROVIDE FEES  
3 FOR A CAPTAIN'S LICENSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 49-15-86, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 49-15-86. (1) Each person catching or taking any saltwater  
8 crabs in the waters of the State of Mississippi for commercial  
9 purposes shall obtain a license from the commission and shall pay  
10 an annual resident license fee of Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) for a  
11 crab vessel license or an annual nonresident license fee of One  
12 Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$160.00). If the applicant's domicile  
13 state charges a greater fee than the nonresident fee for residents  
14 of Mississippi, then the applicant must pay the same fee that the  
15 applicant's domicile state charges a resident of Mississippi on  
16 each boat used therefor. The fee is Five Dollars (\$5.00) for an  
17 annual resident crab fishermen captain's license or Forty Dollars  
18 (\$40.00) for an annual nonresident crab fishermen captain's  
19 license. If the applicant's domicile state charges a greater fee  
20 than the nonresident fee for residents of Mississippi, then the  
21 applicant must pay the same fee that the applicant's domicile  
22 state charges a resident of Mississippi. At least one (1)  
23 individual must have a crab fishermen captain's license or be  
24 named as an alternate on the license.

25 (2) The commission may require a recreational crabber's  
26 license for an administrative fee not to exceed Five Dollars  
27 (\$5.00).

28           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
29 and after July 1, 2001.