

By: Representative Ellington

To: Conservation and Water Resources

HOUSE BILL NO. 734
(As Passed the House)

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. All persons using six (6) or fewer crab traps for
29 personal or recreational use shall be exempt from any state
30 license or license fee.

31 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
32 and after July 1, 2001.