

By: Representative Ellington

To: Conservation and Water Resources

HOUSE BILL NO. 862

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-80, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE SEPARATE ANNUAL COMMERCIAL GIG FISHING LICENSES FOR
3 VESSELS AND INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN COMMERCIAL GIG FISHING; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 49-15-80, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 49-15-80. (1) (a) All vessels to be used in catching or
9 transporting fish in the waters of the State of Mississippi for
10 commercial purposes shall, before beginning operations, obtain an
11 annual license from the commission and pay a license fee according
12 to the following schedule:

13 (i) All resident vessels engaged in commercial
14 hook and line fishing shall be issued a separate annual license by
15 the commission at a fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). All
16 nonresident vessels engaged in commercial hook and line fishing
17 shall be issued a separate annual license by the commission at a
18 fee of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00). Each individual engaged in
19 commercial hook and line fishing must obtain a commercial hook and
20 line fisherman license subject to the following license fees: One
21 Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for a resident commercial hook and line
22 fisherman license; or Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) for a
23 nonresident commercial hook and line fisherman license. If a duly
24 licensed commercial hook and line vessel is engaged in commercial
25 fishing, each individual aboard must possess a commercial hook and
26 line fisherman license.

27 (ii) A resident fee of One Hundred Dollars
28 (\$100.00) or a nonresident fee of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00),
29 on boats using trammel nets, gill nets or seines not more than one
30 thousand two hundred (1,200) feet in length.

31 (iii) All resident vessels engaged in commercial
32 gig fishing shall be issued a separate annual license by the
33 commission at a fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). All
34 nonresident vessels engaged in commercial gig fishing shall be
35 issued a separate annual license by the commission at a fee of
36 Four Hundred dollars (\$400.00). Each individual engaged in
37 commercial gig fishing must obtain a commercial gig fisherman
38 license subject to the following license fees: resident
39 commercial gig fisherman license, One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).
40 Nonresident commercial gig fisherman license, Four Hundred Dollars
41 (\$400.00). If a duly licensed commercial gig fishing vessel is
42 engaged in commercial fishing, each individual aboard must possess
43 a commercial gig fisherman license.

44 (b) Beginning September 15, 1994, no nonresident shall
45 be issued a commercial fishing license under this chapter for the
46 taking of fish using any type of net if that nonresident's state
47 of domicile prohibits the issuing of commercial fishing licenses
48 to residents of this state to engage in like activity.

49 (2) Each factory or manufacturing establishment engaging in
50 the manufacture of oil, fish scrap, fish meal, fertilizer or other
51 products from menhaden, shall pay a license fee of Five Hundred
52 Dollars (\$500.00).

53 (3) Each boat or vessel engaging in the catching, taking or
54 transporting menhaden in the waters of the State of Mississippi,
55 the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and shall pay Fifty
56 Dollars (\$50.00) on each net, seine, trawl or purse net used in
57 catching or taking menhaden in the waters of the State of
58 Mississippi.

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