

By: Senator(s) Hewes, Gollott

To: Ports and Marine Resources

SENATE BILL NO. 2525

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-86, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING OF INDIVIDUAL COMMERCIAL CRABBERS;
3 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 the following annual * * * license fees:

11 (a) Resident fee of Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) for each
12 boat: * * *

13 (b) Nonresident * * * fee of One Hundred Sixty Dollars
14 (\$160.00) for each boat * * *;

15 (c) At least one (1) person on each boat must have a
16 crab fishermen captain's license or be named as an alternate on
17 the captain's license. The resident captain's license fee is Five
18 Dollars (\$5.00). The nonresident captain's license fee is Forty
19 Dollars (\$40.00); and

20 (d) If applicable, the commission shall establish
21 reciprocal nonresident fees according to Section 49-15-30.

22 (2) The commission may require a recreational crabber's
23 license for an administrative fee not to exceed Five Dollars
24 (\$5.00).

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