SENATE BILL NO. 2525

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-86, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING OF INDIVIDUAL COMMERCIAL CRABBERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

(1) Each person catching or taking any saltwater crabs in the waters of the State of Mississippi for commercial purposes shall obtain a license from the commission and shall pay the following annual license fees:

(a) Resident fee of Seventy Dollars ($70.00) for each boat;

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

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

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

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

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