Adopted AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

House Bill NO. 862

By Senator(s) Committee

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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         SECTION 1. Section 49-15-80, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
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    amended as follows:
         49-15-80. (1) (a) All vessels to be used in catching or
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    transporting fish in the waters of the State of Mississippi for
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    commercial purposes shall, before beginning operations, obtain an
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    annual license from the commission and pay a license fee according
    to the following schedule:
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                   (i) All resident vessels engaged in commercial
    hook and line or giq fishing shall be issued an * * * annual
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    license by the commission at a fee of One Hundred Dollars
    ($100.00). All nonresident vessels engaged in commercial hook and
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    line or gig fishing shall be issued an * * * annual license by the
    commission at a fee of Four Hundred Dollars ($400.00). Each
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    individual engaged in commercial hook and line or gig fishing must
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    obtain a commercial * * * fisherman license subject to the
    following license fees: One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) for a
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    resident commercial * * * fisherman license; or Four Hundred
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- 23 Dollars (\$400.00) for a nonresident commercial * * * fisherman
- 24 license. If a duly licensed commercial hook and line or gig
- 25 <u>fishing</u> vessel is engaged in commercial fishing, each individual
- 26 aboard must possess a commercial * * * 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 (b) Beginning September 15, 1994, no nonresident shall
- 32 be issued a commercial fishing license under this chapter for the
- 33 taking of fish using any type of net if that nonresident's state
- 34 of domicile prohibits the issuing of commercial fishing licenses
- 35 to residents of this state to engage in like activity.
- 36 (2) Each factory or manufacturing establishment engaging in
- 37 the manufacture of oil, fish scrap, fish meal, fertilizer or other
- 38 products from menhaden, shall pay a license fee of Five Hundred
- 39 Dollars (\$500.00).
- 40 (3) Each boat or vessel engaging in the catching, taking or
- 41 transporting menhaden in the waters of the State of Mississippi,
- 42 the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and shall pay Fifty
- 43 Dollars (\$50.00) on each net, seine, trawl or purse net used in
- 44 catching or taking menhaden in the waters of the State of
- 45 Mississippi.
- 46 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 47 and after July 1, 2001.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-80, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,

² TO REQUIRE ANNUAL COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSES FOR VESSELS AND

³ INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN COMMERCIAL GIG FISHING; AND FOR RELATED

⁴ PURPOSES.